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BRIMFIELD

Flea markets to open in May though how many is unclear

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BRIMFIELD — In another sure sign of spring, plans are underway for the beginning of antique show/flea market season. Like much of life during a pandemic year, this will look and feel a little different than years past.

The Brimfield Board of Selectmen decided Monday night to allow Brimfield Outdoor Antiques Shows and Flea Markets to open May 11 with restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Guidelines from the state and the town's board of health limits crowd size, enforces social distancing and other measures as public officials continue trying to balance the needs of businesses and consumers with public

safety concerns.

Most of the 20 or so fields typically open along the mile-long stretch apparently are sitting out the season's opening round and hoping the COVID cloud clears considerably in time for the next one in July. Vendors have until the end of the week to decide.

"The select board agreed to having the show are an 'approval' from both the local board of health and the state department of health — using the guidelines set up by the state," select board Chairman Michael Doyle said.

The board voted 3-0 with two members abstaining because of conflicts of interest to allow the shows to open.

"After our meeting, the individual field owners has a meeting de-

ciding if they were going to be able to open. A majority of them — but not all — opted to not try for May, and instead focus attention on hopefully being able to deliver a successful July and September show," Doyle said.

"The total list of who is opening is due back to us by this Friday. At that point we will have a much more clear understanding of who and how many will be open."

One field owner planning to open in May is Brimfield Auction Acres — J&J Antique and Collectibles Shows, which posted on its Facebook page Monday night, "We are working out the safety specifics which can be carried out responsibly due to our layout. Please follow our page and we will be announcing them shortly for those

who in the interim need to get back to work."

Klia Ververidis, CEO of Brimfield Antique Shows — Hertans is among those sitting out the spring opening. Some of the changes required for opening, such as installing gates to limit customers at individual fields and allow for accurate headcounts, are prohibitive to be ready in time for May, she said. Ververidis also said the trees lining her field, normally an enhancement for the shade they provide, reduces the number of customers she could allow because they reduce her open space.

"They came back with a plan that on paper makes sense for health concerns," she said about the Brim-



Courtesy photo

Customers line up while waiting for a tent to open at a past Brimfield Antique Shows — Hertans show. That field won't open for the first round of the Brimfield Outdoor Antiques Shows and Flea Markets show in May, but the owners hope to be back in July.

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DONATION



Courtesy Photo

Young philanthropist and Palmer resident Aiden Szenda, 11, uses the money he has saved to donate to different causes in Western Massachusetts.

Out of the kindness of his heart: Adolescent is a philanthropist

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PALMER — It is safe to say most 11-year-olds spend their money on candy and other fun things. This is not the case for Palmer resident Aiden Szenda, who uses his own money to donate to worthy causes in the Western Massachusetts area.

His recent donation of non-perishable food such as canned ham,

instant potatoes, mac and cheese and more, was given to Demore's Automotive, which is assisting the Palmer Food Share Inc. by providing Easter meals. Co-owner of Demore's Automotive, Jay Demore, said he is extremely grateful for Aiden's generosity.

"I cannot express how much appreciation I have for Aiden and his amazing donation to our outreach program to stock the Palmer Food Share for Easter," Demore

said.

"We have a generous community and our customers are always stepping up to pitch in, but to have this young man save his birthday money to help those in need, all on his own, gives me great hope for the future of our community. We look forward to working with Aiden in the future, as well as the other young men and women he is sure to

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LIBRARY

Explore the Quabbin virtually with bestselling author

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PALMER — Everything you want to know about the Quabbin, including spots you'll want to visit this spring and summer, will be presented by NY Times bestselling author Michael Tougias courtesy of the Palmer Public Library April 6.

Tougias is your guide for the program, which shares the title of his book "Quabbin: A History and Explorers Guide." He will discuss and showcase photos of the "lost towns" flooded to create the Quabbin, as well as it is construction of the massive reservoir and how it works today.

Suggestions for day trips will also be offered. Palmer Library staff, including Adult Services librarian Amy Golenski, are also excited for Tougias's presentation.

"We're looking forward to having Michael discuss his book about the Quabbin," Golenski said. "He'll highlight some history and

also share some favorite spots for visitors to enjoy as the weather gets warmer."

Tougias also plans to talk about his autobiographical book, "The Waters Between Us," a story about a boy, his father and the healing power of nature.

"In the early part of the book, there's a lot of laugh out loud moments because of the trouble I get in," Tougias said.

"The story morphs into how we had this family tragedy, which drew my father (Arthur Tougias) and I closer together and really made me realize what an exceptional person he was. My sister (Lynn Tougias) was in a terrible car accident and for the next 30 years, he took care of her every day, all through the night after he got home from work."

The goal Tougias is hoping to accomplish is not only helping attendees learn more about the



Michael Tougias

Quabbin, but also about how his story helped him understand the healing power of nature and the importance of family.

"It's really an uplifting story, because of my father," Tougias said.

"For most people, they could never take care of (Lynn), and not

become bitter and withdrawn. He did not. With my mom (Jerri Tougias), they figured things out. I figured, 'oh boy, this will be the end and I'll never see them again, this will just wear him down,' but his response was remarkable. It was a great lesson for me is when bad times come, you can make them so much better by the response."

This event is free, but registration is required. Learn more about Tougias, author of more than 30 books, and register at palmerlibrary.org/events/. For more information about Tougias and his works, go to michaelougias.com/books.

COMMUNITY

It's Going To Be Easter-Ific!



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Come to the first annual Easter-ific Egg Hunt of Palmer 9:45 a.m. to noon April 3 in Pulaski Park. The egg hunts begins at 10 a.m., but starting 9:45, young children can visit with the Easter bunny, who will also be present for all the festivities and hand out gifts. Space is limited and reservations are required. Go to the Santa's Elves for Palmer's Facebook page or Lori Chiacchia's Facebook account at misslori30. Rain date is April 10.

POLICE

No leads, but a theory on origin of dead animals

By Michael Harrison
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BRIMFIELD — Police still don't know who dumped bags of dead animals on a local road — or why — but they have a theory.

To Brimfield Police Chief Charlie Kuss, all evidence points to an inexperienced, part-time farmer. "What we don't believe, is there's an epidemic of animals," Kuss said.

"These were barnyard animals and we think this is more of a case of a hobbyist farmer whose animals had some kind of disease — they got sick or had worms — and was culling the herd, so to speak," Kuss said.



Google Earth photo

The approximate area where someone dumped bags full of dead animals recently.

Early Sunday morning, March 21, and again the next afternoon, black trash bags were discovered

on Monson Road off Route 20. A passerby saw them and called po-

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Gobi hits the Road with Meals on Wheels

REGION — Before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, WestMass ElderCare Inc. has consistently worked to alleviate food insecurity for local seniors and people with disabilities, through the Meals on Wheels Program.

In celebration of its 19th annual March for Meals campaign, WMEC invited Western Mass region leaders such as Sen. Anne Gobi D-Spencer, on a recent meal delivery route to help them understand the importance of the program.

Gobi joined members of WestMass ElderCare last week to take part in their daily Meals on Wheels program offering home delivered meals to individuals in area towns. WestMass ElderCare is a private, non-profit agency located in Holyoke that offers a full range of services for elders, their families and caregivers, as well as persons with disabilities so that they can remain in their homes, and their daily meals program has continued to operate throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Also recently, Ludlow Selectman Derek DeBarge and state Rep. Jake Oliveira D-Ludlow accompanied WMEC drivers on their deliveries.

Gobi, co-chair of the Massachusetts Legislative Food Systems Caucus and a member of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs, said she appreciated getting a front-line view of how the organization helps area residents.

"I enjoyed the day delivering healthy, nutritious meals to people in Ware," Gobi said.

"I am so appreciative of the great work Elder Care does in providing so many essential services.



WMEC's Mary Wetzel (left) with Sen. Anne Gobi on a recent Meals on Wheels delivery.

Every home we visited we were met with a kind word and expression of gratitude and I want to express my gratitude to the men and women who provide those services every day."

Founded in 1974 and funded in part by grants and contracts from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, WestMass ElderCare utilizes a strong network of relationships with local and statewide organizations working to assist elders and persons with disabilities to maintain independence at home. The

organization contracts with EOECA to provide a variety of state and federally funded programs, the largest being the Home Care Program and the Nutrition Program. The demand for home delivered meals has increased by nearly 30% during the pandemic and WMEC's nutrition program has not missed a single day of service delivery, bringing over 450,000 meals to over 2,600 consumers.

To learn more about WMEC's services, visit wmeclercare.org.

Courtesy photo



LANA

"Lana was a rescue dog from California," Bernice Begley of Palmer explains. "She came cross country on a road trip to live with her furever family in Palmer." Lana is shown here with her "cousin," Kit Demaio of Ludlow.

We feature your pets here and on Facebook every week. Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse...you get the point. Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to mharrison@turley.com.

Friends of Monson Free Library launches 'round-up' and raffle fundraisers

MONSON — The Friends of the Monson Free Library are launching two fundraisers in April in support of the library.

Specifically, the Friends help to underwrite story times, adult and youth programming, summer reading, museum passes and the purchase of new materials for the library.

Shoppers at Adams will have the opportunity to "Round Up" for the Friends when they shop at the Monson IGA market April 1-12. Just say "yes" when the cashiers ask if you would like to "round up" for the Friends of the Monson Free Library.

The spring online raffle is another way to support the Friends. Seven items will be raffled off beginning April 1: a floral twin-sized quilt made in a kaleidoscope design by Renee Desalvatore; a gardening gift basket including soil thermometer, seeds, gardening tools, and a "Farmer's Almanac"; a \$100 gift certificate to Rainbow Gardens at 3023 Foster Street, Palmer; a \$60 gift certificate to Full Circle Skin Care and Massage Therapy in Monson; a \$50 gift card to Lowe's home improvement and garden center; a "Tastefully Simple" gift basket including beer bread mix, orange chili sauce and spice mixes; a handcrafted 26x26 framed weather-proof "Barn Quilt" by Francis Beaulieu.

Items will be on display at the Monson Free Library. Order forms are available at the library and at monsonlibrary.com. Further, patrons may request an order form or pictorial representation of the items by contacting Denise Newland at friends.monsonfreelibrary@gmail.com with any requests or questions. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, May 12; drawing will be held Wednesday, May 19, at the Friends of the Monson Free Library annual meeting.

Realtor receives rising star award

REGION — Brenda Cuoco & Associates Real Estate Brokerage is proud to announce that one of its realtors, Tammy Sandomierski, has been awarded the prestigious Rising Star Award by the Pioneer Valley Board of Realtors.

The award is given to a new member, licensed within the last 18 months, who has taken the initiative to better themselves by attending R.A.P.V. educational courses and events to better understand the Real Estate industry all while selling 29 Properties in \$7.1M in volume.

When asked about it on Feb. 17, the day that the award was announced to the members, Broker Owner, Brenda Cuoco said, "Tammy came into the industry with a strong mindset. She was committed, coachable and hard working. She has been nothing but consistent in her ability

to be mentored, coached and committed to exceeding her goals, and more importantly, her client's expectations."

Sandomierski said she is "so humbled by this award" and expressed her appreciation.

"I want to thank Brenda and the whole team at Brenda Cuoco & Associates Real Estate Brokerage for all of the coaching and support that they have provided every step of the way," Sandomierski said.

"This is truly a family and we learn and grow together and our ultimate goal is to always deliver the very best service to our clients."

Brenda Cuoco & Associates specializes in providing top tier Real Estate services in Western Massa-



Tammy Sandomierski

chusetts. Team Cuoco is a group of dedicated licensed agents working with the Western Mass and Northern Conn. area. This team of realtors is consistently one of the top producing teams in Western Mass. The Brokerage was founded by Entrepreneur Brenda Cuoco who is the Broker Owner of Brenda Cuoco & Associates Real Estate Brokerage, and has been working in the Real Estate industry since 2005, successfully increasing her individual and team's performance year after year.

Brenda Cuoco & Associates can be reached at 413-333-7776. For more information on homes for sale or local real estate information, visit wmasshomebuyer.com.

Compost dates and times in Palmer

The following schedule will provide dates the compost area off of Old Warren Road in Palmer will be opened to allow town residents to drop off grass clippings and leaves during spring and summer months.

Place lawn debris in brown paper bags, (no plastic bags allowed) and do not leave bags up against the locked gate. The town asks that you also practice social distancing.

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Sunday, April 18, 2021
Saturday, April 24, 2021
Sunday, April 25, 2021
Saturday, May 1, 2021
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Monson club offers scholarship

The Monson Garden Club \$500 scholarship is open to a high school senior who resides in Monson and plans to continue school at a two or four-year college in any branch of the life, natural, or environmental sciences.

Applications may be obtained through the school guidance office and are due by April 27.

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inspire."

The reason Aiden, who has dreams of playing professional soccer, chooses to use his own money to help others is his appreciation for what his family provides him.

"My family's very fortunate to have a roof over their head and plenty of food," Aiden said.

"There's people everywhere who are on the street or can't afford to buy meals."

Other causes Aiden has donated to include Shriners Hospitals for Children, which he also felt a connection to due his love for sports and desire to help other children who enjoy playing sports, as well as the annual JDRC One Walk. Aiden's mother, Alicia Szenda, said she is proud of her son's selflessness, which she said Aiden acquired at such a young age.

"I look at Aiden, as kind of an old soul," Alicia.

"He's a great kid and we love them so much. He has always been compassionate and always looking out for others. Even on the soccer field, if he knocks someone down, he is trying to help them back up."

Aiden's birthday is on May 11 and although there is no concrete plan on what organization or cause will receive a donation from money he may receive as gifts, Aiden and his mom are considering assisting a local homeless shelter.

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field health department, "but to put them into practice in Brimfield, it's just too complicated to make it work," Ververidis said.

Considering the 250 dealers, two-person booths and expense those dealers incur to transport and set up their exhibits on her field, Ververidis said she can't imagine offering a successful show until conditions loosen.

"These are professional vendors bringing a lot of inventory with elaborate setups," she said.

"It's just unreasonable to think it would work."

Instead, Brimfield Antique Shows is focusing on a May 29-30 show in Deerfield, N.H., she said. Details are on the company's Facebook page.

"We are planning on opening in July," Ververidis said.

"Working with the board of health and the state, and maybe as more people get their vaccinations and (COVID case) numbers go down, they'll loosen it up a bit. At least we'll have more time to plan for it."

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Nearly 70% of sheriff's dept. full-time staff vaccinated

REGION — With the COVID-19 pandemic dragging on amid the rise of concerning variants, Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi is reporting that nearly 70% of full-time staff, 662 out of 953, have opted-in to receive the Moderna vaccine, as offered by the department via Department of Public Health protocols.

Of the correctional staff, which includes correctional officers, correctional caseworkers, and counselors, the number is around 65% (311 out of 482) and growing each week, as more people choose to get the vaccine, Cocchi said.

"The vaccine is one of the most important tools we have in the fight against a virus that not only upended our operations but our very way of life for more than a year," Cocchi said.

"I trust the science and I've already received the second shot of the Moderna vaccine. For me, being vaccinated ensures I am protecting my family, the staff, the inmates in our care and the general public which we serve. And although the vaccine is voluntary, we strongly encourage everyone take it."

In December, the department's health care workers were vaccinated, in accordance with the timeline established by the Baker-Polito Administration

and the Department of Public Health in consultation with the Massachusetts Vaccine Advisory Group. During the week of Jan. 18, correctional facilities kicked off their vaccination plans for congregate care settings.

Members of the incarcerated population and correctional officers fell within the first phase of the rollout, where inmates and correctional staff were vaccinated concurrently. A few weeks later, the rest of the HCSD staff became eligible.

To date, the department has administered the first shot of the vaccine to more than 430 inmates, with over 230 receiving the second shot while still in custody. As part of the intake process, every person who comes into the custody of the department is offered a vaccine. But with the inmate population fluctuating each week, vaccinating staff is considered one of the most effective ways to protect the people in the department's custody.

While the FDA has issued emergency use authorizations for the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines, correctional facilities in Massachusetts have thus far been receiving vaccines from Moderna, which is headquartered in Cambridge with a production facili-



Courtesy photo

More than 600 full-time staffers with the Hampden County Sheriff's Dept. — nearly 70% — have received a COVID-19 vaccination.

ty in Norwood. But the Johnson & Johnson vaccine's simpler storage and handling protocols, along with the fact that it is a one-shot vaccine, has prompted the sheriff's office to seek it, primarily to streamline inoculating the inmate population.

Regarding safety of the vaccine, of the more than 750

Modern vaccine shots given out to HCSD staff, contractors, parttime and volunteers, only one person who happened to have a pre-existing medical condition reported having a potentially serious side effect. And in that case, the allergic reaction was handled promptly by the employee, who is now inocu-

lated against the virus, Cocchi said.

The HCSD medical team in consultation with continues to educate the staff and incarcerated individuals in our care about the vaccine, its safety, and effectiveness, with more people signing up to receive the shot each week.

Sherman & Frydryk now a division of Hancock Associates

Hancock Associates, a leading provider of land surveying, civil engineering and wetland science services, recently acquired Sherman & Frydryk, LLC, a land surveying and civil engineering firm in Palmer.

Sherman & Frydryk, with roots dating back to 1950, has an impeccable reputation for quality work and great client service. Its long list of prominent and long-standing clients includes residential and commercial developers, municipalities, service utilities, MassDOT, hospitals and more throughout Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester counties and the surrounding areas.

Sherman & Frydryk will operate as a division of Hancock Associates. Don Frydryk, PE, PLS will serve as Regional Office Manager and the current staff will continue to be part of the Sherman & Frydryk team.

The acquisition assists Hancock in expanding services to Central and Western Massachusetts. It also adds historical

survey records from W.H. and H.W. Brainerd, John Casey, Nathaniel Clapp, Charles Dingman, R.O. and G.F. Dingman, Kenneth Sherman, Sherman and Woods, Sherman & Frydryk, Richard Stowe and Arthur Sullivan to Hancock's impressive collection of land surveying and civil engineering resources.

"Hancock Associates had been looking to expand services to Western Massachusetts and having Sherman & Frydryk as a division checked all the boxes. Our type of clients, quality work and work ethic are very much in sync. I grew up and currently live in the area so it's a bit of a dream come true for me to assist in the transition and be based in the Palmer office," said Greg Gould, PLS, Hancock vice president and associate.

"Wayne Jalbert, the president of Hancock Associates, and I have known each other since we were at the University of Lowell, now known as the University of Massachusetts Lowell. When we first dis-

cussed a possible acquisition, we quickly discovered how much our firms had in common. By becoming a division of Hancock Associates, we're able to continue providing the highest caliber land surveying and civil engineering work, expand our wetland science services and provide security for our clients and employees," said Don Frydryk, PE, PLS.

"We're excited about the future."

About Hancock Associates

Hancock Associates is made up of talented surveyors, engineers and scientists dedicated to excellence in land/coastal development, construction and preservation. They have maintained their position as an industry leader through their investment in exceptional staff, state-of-the-art equipment/technology and acquisition of multiple surveying and engineering firms, and historical survey records dating back to 1852. Since 1978, Hancock Associ-



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Hancock Vice President Greg Gould and Don Frydryk, regional office manager of the newly acquired division of Hancock Associates.

ates has been providing land surveying, civil engineering and wetland science services throughout Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island. They value the long-term relationships they have with their clients served through their offices in Boston,

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POSTPONEMENT:

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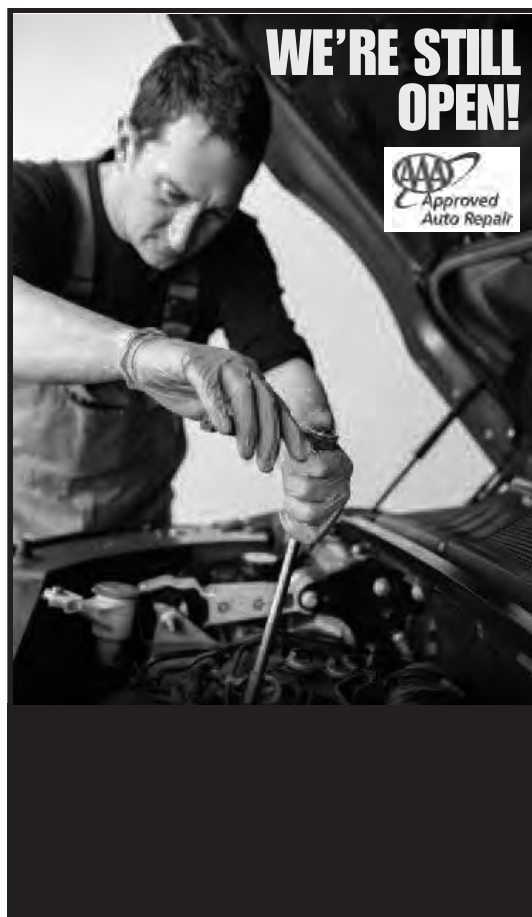


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Viewpoints

#My Frontline Story #Best Shot Second Dose

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic I have been providing primary care at the Palmer Medical Center, located at Baystate Wing Hospital.

While most of my time is in primary care, I also work in the Emergency Departments at Baystate Medical Center and Baystate Wing Hospital.

I have to admit that when I first heard about the COVID-19 vaccine, I was nervous about getting it and was thinking that I would wait to see how others did before I got vaccinated. Then the surge hit and after working a few shifts in the Emergency Department around the holidays my perspective changed.

There was a young patient that had arrived in the ED seriously ill due to COVID, who was so seriously ill that she needed to be intubated to help her breath. It was in that moment that I changed my perspective.

I'm grateful to work with physician leaders and colleagues who have been exemplary role models during the pandemic and who lead with expertise and by their personal example. I am proud to say that I have received both doses of the vaccine!

I strongly encourage everyone to get the vaccine and remain safe by wearing masks, continuing to social distance and staying at home as much as possible. It continues to be important now more than ever to protect ourselves, our loved ones and our community from the COVID-19 virus.

While we all look forward to a time when we can return to a more normal life, let's keep in mind that it is a process and it will take time.

We are all in this together.

Michael Fine is a Nurse Practitioner at Baystate Primary Care – Palmer at Baystate Wing Hospital. He and his team offers both in-person and telehealth visits, for more information or to make an appointment, call 413-370-7892.



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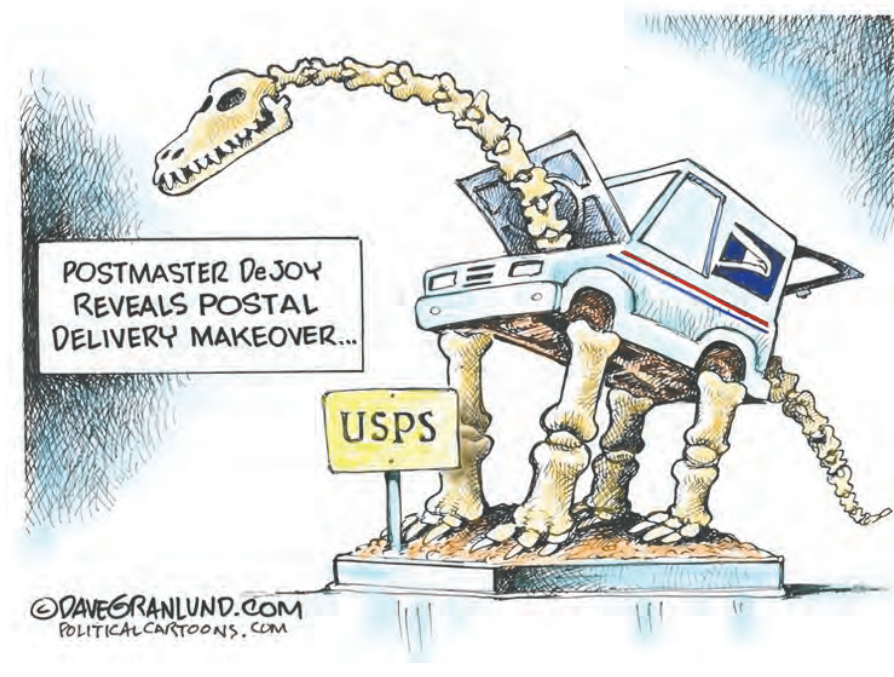
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The truth about peanuts

Well, they certainly have a holiday for everything these days. Recently, when doing some research on an topic completely unrelated to horticulture, I learned that April 2 is National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day. Now I enjoy a good PB & J sandwich, and PB & J stood for the initials Paul, (ro) Berta and Jen back in my college days, but really, a holiday? Regardless, let's have some fun and take a look at half of this holiday fave from a horticulture perspective.

I had a childhood friend who actually grew peanuts here in the northeast. It was really neat to dig them up and eat them right from her garden! Who even knew they grew underground? I am dating myself when I say that all the hullabaloo was partly because we, at the time, had president by the name of Jimmy Carter whose family was in the business of growing peanuts. Why don't you take a trip down Memory Lane with me as I look back on peanut culture, Ware-style!

If my memory serves me correctly, Mrs. Haley received fresh, raw peanuts still in their shell through a mail-order company. She carefully shelled them and planted them about a six inches apart from one another in her sunny garden after the danger of frost had passed. The key to growing peanuts is providing loose, crumbly soil. It's interesting that the plants flower above ground, but just as the petals of the flower fall away, stalks below the ovary of the flower called "pegs" lengthen, causing the stem to fall to the ground. When they fall, the pegs make their way into the soil and form the peanut. It's suggested that once the plants reach about six inches tall, a gentle cultivation should be performed to make it easier for the pegs to penetrate the earth. After they have done so, hilling as you would potatoes is beneficial, as is providing a loose mulch such as chopped leaves, straw or the like to keep the area friable and moist.

You'll know it's time to harvest when the plant yellows; don't wait too long after this point or the peanuts may break from

the plant, making harvest more difficult. Carefully unearth the whole plant with a shovel, shake away as much soil as you can and dry upside down out of the weather. An attic, barn or other well-ventilated area is ideal for this purpose. Peanuts can be shelled and enjoyed raw, or roasted in or out of the shell at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. High in protein and fat, and various healthy nutrients, peanuts are a staple in the diets of many cultures.

You many find it interesting to learn that peanuts are not really a nut at all, but a legume. In fact, young plants will be very reminiscent of pea seedlings. They are thought to have originated in South America over three thousand years ago. Valued then as both a food source and status symbol, peanuts were even used as currency for a time. That's humorous, considering the phrase "working for peanuts" implies quite the opposite status!

Peanuts are a long season crop, requiring about 120 days to mature. Many northern gardeners pre-start them indoors to get a jump on the growing season using a variety such as Early Spanish that matures earlier than other types.

Here's what the experts recommend: Shell the fresh peanuts carefully, keeping the thin papery covering intact. Place three "seeds" in a four-inch pot filled two-thirds of the way up with moist potting soil. Add the remaining soil and place in a warm location until they sprout. Provide decent light and plant outside after the danger of frost has passed and proceeding as recommended above. Don't over fertilize in either case or you will get lots of foliage and few peanuts.

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IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

Letters to the Editor

Background checks can curb gun violence

The US has 4.4% of the world's population but Americans own 42% of the world's guns. We do not have more crime just more deaths from crime. You are just as likely to be robbed in London as you are in New York.

However, in New York you are 54 times more likely to be shot in the process. 41,000 people were killed by guns last year.

Why is registering to vote and voting on the same day not allowed when buying a gun and shooting people on the same day is fine? In between the two recent gun massacres inside of one week, there were several other lesser shootings with two people dead and 26 wounded.

Gun violence is a common everyday thing in the US. We need background checks on all gun purchases. Mentally ill and domestic abusers should be barred from buying guns. We need a three day "cooling off" waiting period before you can pick up your gun so you can decide if you really want to kill that person, have that massacre or commit suicide. We need a one gun per month purchase limitation to keep people from making a business out of selling guns into the black market. We need to ban assault weapons and high capacity magazines. Give the animals and the people a chance.

The Second Amendment says the right to bear arms shall not be infringed. That refers to muskets because that is what they had when the clause was written. It does not include all future weapons. It does not include assault weapons, nerve gas or nuclear bombs. It also refers to a well regulated militia which was last used to catch runaway slaves. We now have a standing army which replaced the militias. There are only private militias like the white supremacist groups, Proud Boys, etc. who are not covered by this amendment.

This carnage has persisted because of the monetary strength of the gun lobby. The public supports gun control. Why can't our elected officials act on our behalf?

Malita Brown
Wilbraham

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Will inheritance money affect my Social Security?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I will turn 66 this year and am considering claiming my Social Security. I have already applied for Medicare. My parents passed on several years ago, and the estate will probably settle this year. I would like to know if my inheritance money will have any effect on my Social Security benefits. If so, how? Signed: Wondering Heir

Dear Wondering: No, your inheritance money from your parents' estate will not affect your gross Social Security benefit in any way. Your monthly Social Security benefit is based solely on your lifetime earnings record from working, and income from other sources is not counted when computing your Social Security benefit amount. But if you claim your benefits and have your Medicare Part B premium deducted from your Social Security payment, it's possible your inheritance could affect your Medicare Part B premium amount, thus lowering your net Social Security payment.

Most Medicare beneficiaries pay a standard premium of \$148.50 per month (2021 amount) for Part B, which is coverage for doctors and other outpatient services. But there is also a special provision known as "IRMAA" (Income Related Medicare Adjustment Amount) which adds a supplemental amount to the standard Part B premium if your "provisional income" from all sources exceeds certain levels. Your "provisional income" would include income from all sources, including any money you receive from an inheritance, any tax-advantage investment withdrawals, tax-free interest, and half of the Social Security benefits you received during the tax year. The name for this is your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" (MAGI), and the clip levels which cause IRMAA to affect your Medicare premium are different depending on your IRS filing status.

If you file your income tax as "married/jointly" and your MAGI is over \$176,000, then IRMAA will apply and you'll pay a higher Medicare premium thus reducing your net Social Security payment (if you file as a single, the clip level is \$88,000). IRMAA can cause your Part B premium to go to anywhere from \$208 to \$505 per month, depending upon how high your MAGI is. Note that your Medicare premium for the current year is determined by your MAGI from two years prior, so if that inheritance money is reported on your 2021 income tax return, it would be your 2023 Medicare premium amount that would be affected. And the higher Medicare premium would self-adjust back to a lower level if MAGI for subsequent years are below the IRMAA level.

The other way your inheritance might affect you is through income taxes on your Social Security benefits. If your MAGI exceeds \$32,000 filing as married/jointly (\$25,000 if single), then 50% of your Social Security benefits will become part of your taxable income. Or if your MAGI is more than \$44,000 filing as married/jointly (\$34,000 if single), then up to 85% of your Social Security benefits for the tax year will become part of your taxable income at your standard IRS tax rate.

The bottom line is this: Your gross monthly Social Security benefit amount will not be affected by your inheritance, but if your inheritance increases your Medicare Part B premium your net SS benefit will be temporarily lower. And the inheritance may also influence how much of your Social Security benefits are subjected to income tax.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

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Outreach focused on keeping teens safe on social media

By Elise Linscott
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HAMPDEN/WILBRAHAM – Half of all Generation Z cell phone users are on their devices for five or more hours every day, according to Gina Anselmo, who works in community and safety outreach with the Hampden District Attorney's Office.

Gen Z includes anyone born between 1995 and 2015. And during the pandemic, this generation has been online more than ever, from virtual learning to social media apps and chatting with friends, making it even more important for teens and parents to monitor safety online.

"There's an app for almost everything," Anselmo said during a Feb. 24 presentation in collaboration with the Hampden-Wilbraham Partners for Youth coalition. "This specific generation (Gen Z) has been born into a digital-everything world."

And social media has the potential be dangerous if used without taking certain precautions, she said.

During the presentation, Anselmo and several teen presenters from the DA's youth advisory board categorized mobile applications by risk. Low-risk apps include WhatsApp, Kik, Facebook, YouTube and Twitch. Medium-risk apps include photography-sharing app VSCO, along with Instagram, Twitter, TikTok and Snapchat.

Several apps were rated high-risk and have the potential



Social media safety tips for teens was the focus of a recent presentation by the Hampden-Wilbraham Partners for Youth coalition.

to be dangerous, including Omegle, which allows strangers to video chat anonymously; dating apps Tinder and Bumble, where users need to be 18 and over to sign up; Secret Photo Vault; and Hoop, which connects with Snapchat to "help users make new friends" with strangers.

Some apps, like Instagram and Snapchat, were rated medium risk. Instagram, for instance, has the potential to enable cyber-bullying if users leave offensive comments or if friends share passwords and post inappropriate content to each other's profiles. Youth advisory board member and Westfield High School senior Grace Regan suggested not allowing friends to share passwords with each other and setting user profiles to private so strangers can't access their photos.

Snapchat was categorized as medium risk since photos sent

through Snapchat, although disappearing, can be screenshot and saved, and some users may be more likely to send inappropriate photos. Snapchat also has a location-sharing feature, although it can be disabled by turning on "ghost mode."

"It's also a communication social media, so it's just medium risk," Regan said.

TikTok, also categorized medium risk, has "blown up recently," Anselmo said. It's used for discovering and sharing short videos. Malcolm, a youth advisory board member, suggested turning off the "allow others to find me" toggle for "an additional layer of privacy to prevent your child's account from showing up in search results to protect them from predators and others you don't know on the app," he said.

It's also easy to spend more time than intended scrolling

through TikTok since the videos are so short, he said. And some can contain suggestive dancing or clothing – for that reason, Malcolm recommended parents turn on "restricted mode" to limit the appearance of content that might not be appropriate for all audiences.

Despite the potential risks involved with social media, these apps can also help kids stay connected to each other, which has been especially important during the pandemic, said youth advisory board member Bridget.

"It's important for kids to foster relationships with teammates, classmates, extended family," she said. "I think kids that don't have access to that are at a disadvantage."

Social media has also been an easy way to share vital information and spread awareness about different social causes, including social justice moments, body positivity and mental health awareness.

Bridget advocated parents opt for "regulation and communication over restriction" of low- and medium-risk social media apps, she said.

Ingrid Frau, assistant district attorney, also cautioned anyone underage against sending or requesting photos containing nudity – both of which are felonies.

"Once you forward a picture, whether it's of you, a cute puppy, a new pair of shoes you bought, it's our of your control where it lands," Frau said. And that photos can be accessed by police in an investigation,

ANCIENT HISTORY

The Wilbraham Native American Soapstone Quarry

By Patrick Duquette

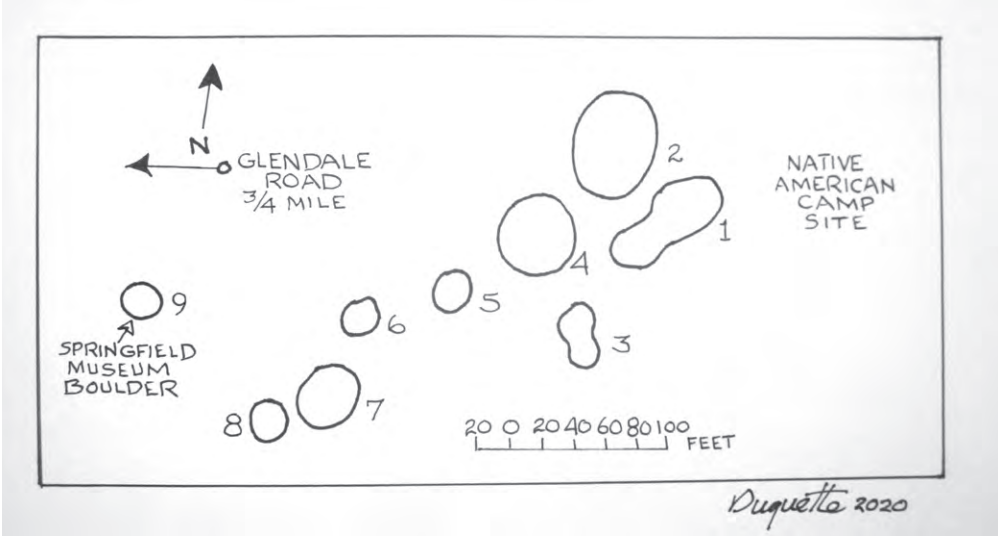
REGION —The Wilbraham Soapstone Quarry is unique in archaeological terms.

Most soapstone or steatite sites in Massachusetts are ledges or outcroppings trapped in sandy hillsides. In the case of the Wilbraham quarry, archaeologists believe the large boulders were carried from an outcropping in Pelham and deposited in Wilbraham by an expanding glacier.

According to “History of Wilbraham 1763-1963,” with regard to the soapstone quarry, “Dr. Robert Baldwin discovered the site in 1902 while coon hunting. Baldwin leased the rights to work the area from James L. Seaver. Experts from New York, Boston, and Amherst College, including Dr. Walter Chapin, joined him in uncovering tools and utensils, but very few arrowheads. In 1933 the last large soapstone boulder was removed, with a partially finished bowl in relief on its surface, and is now on exhibit at the Natural History Museum of Springfield. During its removal many other implements and bowls were found. These were largely broken or chipped in construction and tossed away. Eight of the nine original boulders were used up by the Native Americans, leaving large depressions sized from six to twenty-five feet in length.”

In 1966, William S. Fowler published a paper in the Massachusetts Archaeology Society Bulletin entitled “The Wilbraham Stone Bowl Quarry,” which states, “Some time after the start of the 20th Century, Dr. Walter Chapin was walking the back roads of North Wilbraham one day in search of minerals. As he passed by a farmhouse on the road that leads to Hampden, his eye caught sight of a rather large stone bowl on the front porch of the house. Locating the farmer, he asked where he had found it, and was told that it had been discovered in the field across the road in front of the house. Here the land sloped down to a shallow valley running parallel to the road, and soon Dr. Chapin had investigated all parts of the field. Ultimately, after repeated attempts to find the source of the bowl, which appeared to be a stray that had accidentally been dropped in the field, discovery of many large hollows in the ground with steatite flakes strewn all about. They lay in pasture land about a quarter mile up the valley where the bowl had been found, and proved to be an aboriginal quarry. In the end, Dr. Chapin received the bowl from the farmer, and today it is in the Museum of Natural History in Springfield.”

More from noted archaeologist William S. Fowler’s report: “News of the discovery spread fast, and soon certain individuals were making plans to excavate the site. Among the first was Dr. F.W. Putnam of Harvard University. He arrived with a tent and camping equipment and spent several weeks excavating the remains. The next excavation was carried out under the direction of Dr. Chapin, together with Dr. Baldwin, who had become interested in the site. They hired a laborer with pick and shovel to dig trenches under their supervision. The first job was digging a trench around the remaining soapstone boulder.”



The author’s sketch showing the location of the soapstone boulder depressions.

In 1947 William S. Fowler did his own archaeological research at the Wilbraham quarry. In his book, “Stone Eating Utensils of Prehistoric New England,” he describes his excavations. Fowler unearthed picks, gouges, scraping tools, shave abraders, and some 30 or more utensils. The largest unfinished pot measured 16 inches in length and weighed 75 pounds.

Why it matters

The importance of the Wilbraham quarry cannot be stressed enough. Native American family culture changed dramatically with access to plates, cups, bowls and utensils. Families could gather and dine together as a unit. There is evidence, over time, that quarry workers made improvements to the tools making them more efficient and specialized for certain jobs. To give an example of the impact and importance of the Wilbraham quarry, Smithsonian archaeologists found bowls from Wilbraham in a South Carolina dig.

Another interesting and unusual realization by archaeologists in the early part of the 20th century was the total absence of any weapons of war in the vicinity of the soapstone quarry. This led scientists to believe the various tribes had a “peace agreement” in place while working the soapstone quarry. Note: One small hatchet was found, later determined to be for dispatching small wounded animals while hunting.

In the summer of 1963, Edward M. Thompson of Enfield began further excavation at this same site. He moved east up the hill to where he felt the native people probably camped, and found by digging test pits that the whole area had been so utilized and there still remained a wealth of material to be unearthed.

I visited the site in 2014 and there is a large flat area on top of the slope. My first thought was, “this has to be a campsite!” Edward M. Thompson also discovered another steatite quarry “at the end of Silver Street,” but he never gave the exact location. Thompson is also credited with alerting the Massachusetts Archaeological Society about the skeletal remains at a native burial site on Wil-

braham Mountain in 1940.

‘Monson granite’

Early reports about the approximate time the Wilbraham quarry was in operation had not been determined. Most experts agree the site was operating for 600 years, based on the amount of large boulders that were consumed. Some scientists have associated the soapstone utensils with an early culture. It would seem that this was true in both the Westfield and Wilbraham quarries.

It is, however, quite evident from the artifacts found on the nearby Wilbraham campsite, that the late Algonkian people must have known of this quarry. The campsite yielded numerous bowls, quarry picks and other artifacts. Also found at the Wilbraham site near one of the large depressions, was a long stone tool which was later identified as Monson granite. The removal of debris by the people around the boulders in Wilbraham required a special type of implement called a “tailing hoe.” During archaeological excavation, a large hoe-type blade was found and another similar blade that was blunted from use.

With more modern carbon-dating techniques, archaeologists have revised their estimate on the time period Native Americans were working the Wilbraham site. They now believe the site was active 3,800 years ago for a very long duration. Part of their calculation was based on the fact that eight large boulders were consumed on the site. Another factor would be local tribes were exposed to pottery making the end of the soapstone era about 300 A.D.

I asked archaeologist Alan Smith why a tribe might keep working a soapstone quarry after learning to make pottery. His answer was simple. Tradition, and the fact they still needed to include sturdy cups and bowls in the graves for the departed who would need them in the afterlife.

About the author

Patrick Duquette is a local historian who grew up in Indian Orchard and now resides in Monson.

Monson annual election filing ends April 15

Want to run for office?

The annual Monson town election will be held 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at Memorial Hall.

Candidates can run for the following offices:
Board of Selectmen, one seat, three-year term
School Committee, two seats, three-year term
School Committee, one seat (to fill the year remaining of a vacated term)
Highway Surveyor, one seat, three-year

term
Board of Assessors, one seat, three-year term
Water and Sewer Commissioner, three-year term
Cemetery Commissioner, three-year term
Parks and Recreation Commissioner, three-year term
To obtain nomination papers, call 413-267-4115 or email townclerk@monson-ma.gov. The deadline to file nomination papers is Thursday, April 15.

Filing for Palmer town elected offices underway

Anyone interested in running for any of the townwide offices in Palmer that will be decided by the June 8 election can begin filing their nomination papers.

One seat each will be available for the following positions:
Councilor at Large/District 2;
Councilor/District 3 Councilor/Plan-

ning Board and School Committee. Each term is three years.

Candidates must be registered to vote in Palmer by May 19 to be eligible. There is no filing fee and papers must be returned by April 15.

To obtain the nomination papers and for more information, call the Town Clerk at 283-2608.

Baystate Wing accepting scholarship applications

Palmer — The Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary has announced applications are now being accepted for their annual scholarship program. The scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors attending local schools, including Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, and Pathfinder high schools who are pursuing higher education in a healthcare field.

“Despite the current COVID-19 virus restrictions, limiting the group’s ability to fundraise, the Auxiliary members are proud to continue their annual tradition of offering seven \$1000 scholarships to area students,” said Teresa Grove, Auxiliary vice president.

Scholarship Application Information:

- All applications must be submitted via email by April 27.
- Seven (one year) scholar-

ships will be awarded by the Baystate Wing Auxiliary in May of 2021.

• Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000. Applicants must be planning to pursue a career in health care and must be accepted into an accredited health care program such as nursing, medicine, physical therapy, occupational therapy, radiology, pharmacy, medical technology as well as other health care related fields.

• A student who is graduating from Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, and Pathfinder high schools in 2021 can apply.

• Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary scholarship applications are available in each school’s guidance office and will be accepted by email only.

For more information, student applicants should speak to their guidance counselor.

Everyone invited to Aquacise class

The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club at 91 Claudia’s Way, Ludlow, has brought back Aquacise for residents of Hampden County communities, including Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, Brimfield, Holland and Wales. Aquacise will be offered 8-8:45 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Aquacise is a low-impact, full-body workout performed in the water to put less stress on your joints and

muscles while building strength.

To reserve a spot visit ludlowbgc.org and click on Adult Programs, or call Matt Thompson at 413-583-2072, ext. 122. For updates on the facility, register on the website to receive Club emails.

The Club continues to make health and safety its No. 1 priority to ensure all visitors who enter the building have a clean and safe environment.

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lice. The responding officer discovered the contents, Kuss said. Inside were the corpses of over a dozen recently-killed farm animals, including adult hens and roosters, chicks, young goats and five pigeons.

“Brimfield has a lot of farms, professional farmers, and also a lot of hobby farmers,” Kuss said.

Discarding them in a public place was likely more a case of thoughtlessness than anything else, he said.

“There’s absolutely nothing to suggest there was any more sinister connotation,” Kuss said.

“It all suggests that a farmer culled his herd. It makes you think

it’s a homeowner with some farm animals or a hobby farmer because most farmers who make a living with their farms wouldn’t treat their livestock that way. The average farmer wouldn’t do this.”

One reason Kuss theorizes they came from somewhere in the vicinity is “no one is going to go that far, no one is going to drive 75 miles to chuck a bag of dead animals on the side of the road.”

Noting that discarding animal corpses improperly is a health issue in addition to a littering issue, Kuss said the road is well used by drivers and bike riders. There are homes in the area and the road provides access to the Brimfield Forest and the Dean Pond Recreation Area.

“This is more about being lazy

and being a bad neighbor,” Kuss said. “It’s not neighborly. The littering issue is the biggest one. No one is entitled to dump their animals on the side of the road.”

If his theory is correct, Kuss said it’s possible the animals could have been re-homed, ill or not, if their owner wanted to get rid of them for whatever reason.

“Chances are, there are people who would have adopted (and rehabilitated) them,” he said.

Tips, but no leads

Although Kuss said he hoped investigators would be able to crowd source leads on social media, so far, nothing useful has materialized.

“As much as social media has proved to be a useful tool in differ-

ent kinds of investigations, it also is equally not as helpful,” Kuss said.

“We received several complaints of goat remains on the side of the road,” that turned out to inorganic, he said.

“One was plastic bottles in a trash bag. Another was a bunch of old clothes. Just people trying to do their civic duty, but no helpful leads, just garbage,” Kuss said.

Know something Say something

Anyone with tips about the origin of the animal corpses is encouraged to contact the Brimfield Police Dept. by messaging them on their Facebook page, or by calling the non-emergency number, 413-245-3442.

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whether or not it was deleted from the device.

To block inappropriate content from appearing on a child’s phone, Anselmo recommended apps like Bark.

“A lot of these apps (like Bark) will either not allow a child to change the settings or if they do change them, they notify you if that happens,” Anselmo said. “I also think it’s important to not just spring this on a child... I think a big thing is talking to them about why it’s there and that you’re doing this for a reason, because there’s a lot of stuff out there that may be harmful to you and this is going to help with that.”



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CAMPUS NOTES

UMass Lowell

Freshman **Erin Jensen** of Brimfield, a member of the UMass Lowell women's track and field team, helped her team to a win over Vermont by clearing 5-3 in the high jump to pick up first place. The River Hawks return to action next weekend, April 2-3, traveling to William & Mary and Massachusetts for a set of meets.

University of Hartford

The following students have been named to the President's Honors List at the University of Hartford: **Andrew Briere** of Holland, **Emily Kievra** of Holland, and **Cameron Kratovil** of Monson. The President's Honors List is made up of an extremely select group of students who earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher in the semester.

Nova Southeastern University

Steven Lachowski of Brimfield was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Lachowski was initiated at Nova Southeastern University. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

Emerson College

Monica Roche, a native of Palmer, has been named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. Roche is majoring in Writing, Lit & Pub: Literature and is a member of the Class of 2022. The requirement to make Emerson's Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.



WNE University

The following students attending the Western New England University College of Engineering were welcomed into Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society in a virtual induction ceremony held on March 5:

Joel Wyzik of Monson, working toward a BSE in Biomedical Engineering; **Jason Malouin** of Palmer, working toward a BSE in Electrical Engineering; and **Nathan Bruneau** of Monson, working toward a BSE in Mechanical Engineering.

The following students attending the Western New England University College of Arts & Sciences were welcomed into Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society in a virtual induction ceremony held on March 5:

Carly Phaneuf of Brimfield, working toward a BA in English; **Hannah Somers** of Monson, working toward a BA in Political Science; **Taylor Mitchell** of Monson, working toward a BA in Political Science; **Julianne Hess** of Palmer, working toward a BS in Actuarial Science; **Maggie Klassanos** of Monson, working toward a BS in Criminal Justice; and **Kathryn Henry** of Palmer, working toward a BS in Forensic Chemistry.

Alpha Lambda Delta first-year honor society was founded in 1924 at the University of Illinois and has over 280 chapters in the United States.

Alpha Lambda Delta recognizes the best and brightest members of the nation's first-year college students. The mission of the Society is to encourage superior academic achievement, to promote intelligent living and a high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals in society. Students in Alpha Lambda Delta must have a grade point average of at least 3.5 after their first semester of full-time enrollment.

Worcester Academy

Keyshla Lorenzo of Palmer was named to the First Honors Honor Roll and Headmaster's List at Worcester Academy, an independent college prep school. She is a member of the Class of 2022.

OLD STURBRIDGE ACADEMY

While others phased-in return, Charter school has been in-person all year

REGION — What's the point of having a 19th-century museum for hands-on learning, if you're taking classes remotely? Fortunately for most students attending Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School, which includes residents from Palmer and Wales among its students and staff, that's a question they don't have to answer.

More than 85% of students in grades K-6 at Old Sturbridge, which has three micro-campuses, have been attending class in-person this year despite the COVID-19 pandemic. The combination of the unique campus, outdoor studies, and continued hands-on learning, even in COVID times, brings that sense of "normality" to students on a daily basis. Students have successfully continued in-person learning since September without any interruption because of COVID infections.

In addition to the typical K-6 education, Old Sturbridge Academy students have a not-so-typical hands-on opportunity to learn directly from Old Sturbridge Village historians in subjects such as tin-making, gardening, pottery, and on a working farm. These creative opportunities allow for teachers and students to learn outdoors, which we know is safer during the pandemic. Students who opted to learn remotely still get some of the experience the hands-on trades taught at Old Sturbridge Academy through live classes, even when the class is brought outdoors.

Parents have the option of contactless pick up or to be mailed materials that students are using in-person for projects, like using tin or gardening.

Here's a Q&A we conducted with two local students and one teacher:

Keira McCord
Age: 11, Grade: 5
Hometown: Palmer

Q: What is your favorite subject in school?

A: Science is my favorite subject. I now understand the states of matter (solid, liquid, and gas) and we went out in the Village to see real life examples of this. Learning Science here is great because my teacher talks us through it step-by-step and we can do hands-on activities. We did this experiment with bread at the beginning of the year that showed us the different way that germs grew based on the environment. When I grow up I want to use Science to work as a marine biologist, which is what my sister (who also lives in Palmer) is doing now.

Q: What's the best part of taking in-person classes?

A: The best part of this is that we can do our activities off the computer — we get to do them in real-life. We can move, we can work together easier, and we can go in to Old Sturbridge Village.

Q: What is it like being at school during the pandemic?

A: It's been really fun to be in school.

One reason is that it is easier to learn and the teachers are there to see what we need help with. We can show them what we are doing well and what we are struggling with. It is easier for both of us. It is challenging because we need to do more to keep each other safe but lots of learning is still happening.

Q: How are things different this past year at school compared to before the pandemic?

A: Things are different because we sit further apart and wear masks. We do this because the school cares about our safety. We get creative when we play games so we don't touch each other. We keep each other safe.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Old Sturbridge Academy?

A: My personal favorite is going into the Village every Thursday. This is a thing that we only can do here. We get to go *every single week!* This is called Learning Through Experience or LTEs. This is what makes us special. We just finished a unit on animal adaptations and we had hopping and flying animals.

Q: Are there any extracurricular activities you look forward to participating in this spring?

A: I'm excited to take a rocket science course at the museum this summer. It will be three weeks. We will be learning about space and rockets. At the end of the three weeks we will get to make our own rocket. This will be through the 21st century program at OSV.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like to add about OSA?

A: OSA is a really fun place. The teachers are nice and kind. They help you out with everything you need. They always make it so that if one person doesn't understand, they change how they say it so you understand. We learn by doing here and create many projects. Also, we call each other "crew." You can make a lot of friends from different towns. A lot of people are really nice here.

Hunter Addison Martin
Age: 10, Grade: 5
Hometown: Wales

Q: What is your favorite subject in school?

A: My favorite subject in school is math for multiple reasons. One, it is really fun for me-I get the understanding of it. For example, right now we are working on decimals and I use tools to help me understand what they look like. Another reason why I like math is the slideshows and fun games we play. For example, today we were doing a "show what you know" on decimals and we played a game. The teacher spins the wheel and the team gets to say the answer. It was great because every team got a point. When I go to the grocery store, I use this math to help me find out how much the items will be in all. I could use it in Wales to find out how much surface area is covered by lakes.

Q: What's the best part of taking in-person classes?

A: The best part is doing work together, like warmups, and we still get to talk to our friends in person rather than far away (like it was last spring when we were all at home). It was hard to do that.

Q: What is it like being at school during the pandemic?

A: We just have to be cautious of our distance still and it is good to see each other. This year our classrooms are bigger because we are in the ballroom of OSV. It is easier staying apart and at our workspaces because of the space. We have a SMART board which I like. It is big and easy to see the work clearly. The teachers project the remote learners on the board so we can see them. Our teachers make sure we are all communicating with the "Zoom Crew" that's what we call the remote learners.

Q: How are things different this past year at school compared to before the pandemic?

A: We eat lunch in the classroom—that is a big difference. Before we had a cafeteria to eat together. This year we give each other space. Another thing that is different is we use our computers more. This is because we each have an individual Chromebook. We did Student-Led Conferences on Google Slides this year and this part of my digital portfolio.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Old Sturbridge Academy?

A: I still love going into Old Sturbridge Village because we have days where we can experience and see what is happening there. We learn more about this time period (1830s) by doing what they would do rather than just sitting in class. I've been here since second grade and I'm still meeting new people. I feel safe here.

Q: Are there any extracurricular activities you look forward to participating in this spring?

A: I like painting and my art teacher helps us with this. She helps us make it realistic-like people and animals. I am going to do some artwork outside of school this spring.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like to add about OSA?

A: Every year we are getting better and better. Students have voices at our school and we have projects. The school animal is an example of this. We voted on the ferret as our school animal.

Jeremy Dubois-White
Position: Teacher
Hometown: Monson

Q: What do you teach and what do you love most about it?

A: I teach sixth grade STEM (Science and Math) at Old Sturbridge Academy. While there is a set curriculum and standards from which I teach, I love that I have creativity to use the Village to make real world connections to math concepts that might otherwise be dry and hard for students to see the point of learning certain topics. Because we are a project-based school I really like that we are encouraged to make learning real and authentic, whenever possible.

For instance, at the beginning of the year when we were reviewing prime and composite numbers, we went into the Village and

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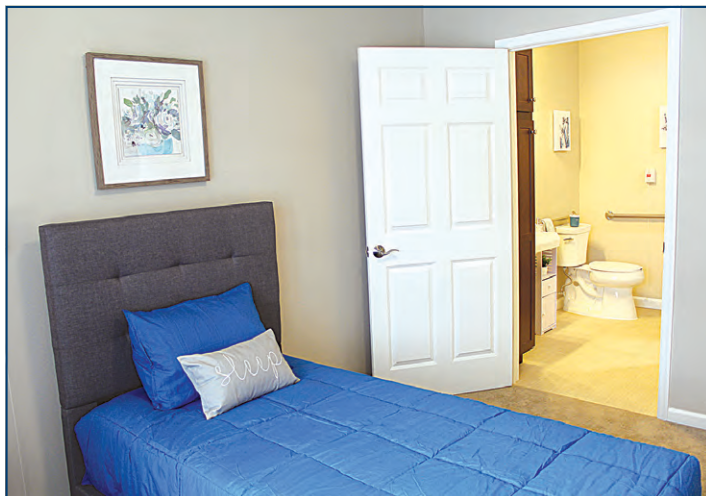
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BASKETBALL

Monson boys get involved in Fall 2 season

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

MONSON — Belchertown senior Jordan Lanoue and Monson junior Colby Duggan kept in shape last summer by playing pickup basketball games. The duo also faced each other twice during the first week of the new Fall 2 high school basketball season and led their respective teams to road victories.

Duggan scored a game-high 29 points in the season opener leading the Mustangs to a 62-49 win over the Orioles on March 16. Two nights later, Lanoue poured in a game-high 31 points, as the Orioles posted a 60-53 victory.

"I'm friends with Jordan and it's a lot of fun competing against him on the court," said Duggan following Monson's home opener. "He's a very strong player and is hard to stop."



Connor Santos attempts a free throw.

Lanoue has a lot of respect for Duggan, who scored a team-high 26 points in the second meeting of the season against Belchertown.

"Colby is one of the best high school basketball players in this area," said Lanoue following last Thursday's game. "We struggled offensively at home the other night, but we came out strong in the first quarter of tonight's game, which was the difference maker. It also feels good to finally beat Monson."

It marked the first time that the Orioles defeated the Mustangs on



Colin Beaupre shoots on the hoop.

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the hardwood since a 68-51 home win on February 1, 2013.

"This is a very good win for us, but we're just happy to be finally playing basketball," said Belchertown head coach Matt Stenius. "We were a lot more focused in tonight's game than we were in our first

game."

Lanoue, who scored 16 points in the season opening loss, is planning to continue his basketball career at Lasell University, which is a Division 3 school located in Newton, next year.

"I'm really looking forward to

playing college basketball," Lanoue said. "I'm also looking forward to learning some new things about basketball from the Lasell coaches and players."

Even though Duggan is only a

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AUTO RACING

Entry list growing as Icebreaker event nears

WATERBURY, Vt. — Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park is just over three weeks away from opening the 2021 Northeast Auto Racing season with the annual Icebreaker. The headlining \$10,000-to-win Icebreaker 125 on Sunday, April 11 continues to draw buzz and big names as the entry list grows leading up to the event.

Nearly 30 Tour-type Modified teams have registered for the debut of the Outlaw Open Modified Series. Even more are expected by the time the first green flag falls for qualifying. The list includes former track and series champions, many multi-time winners, and rising stars looking to start the season with a bang.

To no one's surprise, a huge contingent of racers from the "Modified Country" of Southern New England have entered. Former NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champions Doug Coby of Milford, CT; Bobby Santos III of Franklin, MA; and Ronnie Silk of Norwalk, CT are among the biggest names preparing for the season-opener.

Other touring series champions on the entry list are Chelmsford, MA's Jon McKennedy; Moosup, CT's Chris Pasteryak; and Woburn, MA's Anthony Nocella. Although NASCAR Cup Series regular Ryan Preece has not officially entered the Icebreaker, he has publicly expressed his interest



Submitted photos

The Icebreaker 125 is just a few weeks away and the entry list is piling up.

in competing.

Plenty of weekly Modified warriors are also ready for the long-distance challenge. They include Berlin, CT's Keith Rocco, a seven-time Thompson Speedway champion, and Tolland, CT's Ronnie Williams, a two-time SK Modified champion at Stafford Motor Speedway. With 125 green-flag laps on the card, many factors will play into who ultimately takes home the big check.

"I think you're going to see a lot of different strategies in this type of race," Williams said. "I think a lot of guys will be pushing hard in the early laps of the race. It's the start of a new season, and a lot of guys haven't raced yet. I'm expecting a strong run out there. The No. 25 with Gary Casella always runs well at Thompson."

"You just have to play your cards right with all of the pit strategy and 125 laps that are all green flag laps," Rocco added. "Fuel is probably going to play a role in it for this one, too. There are a lot of aspects that are going to be part of trying to win the race. We always do really well in the open shows, from the SK Modifieds to the Tour Modifieds. Hopefully, we'll come out of the box strong to start the season."

However, the hunger for victory isn't just limited to Connecticut and Massachusetts. Racers from six different Northeast states already entered the Icebreaker 125, giving the event a regional flavor that speaks to its appeal among the Modified ranks.

New Hampshire racers Andy

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SOCCER TOURNEY

Alignments proposed for new statewide format

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION — Holyoke and Central will stand together as the only two schools from Western Massachusetts that will compete in Division 1 soccer under the new alignments that have been proposed.

This fall, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association will change to a statewide tournament. In an attempt to equalize the competition, Massachusetts will move from four to five divisions in most major sports, such as soccer, basketball, and baseball and softball.

According to the alignments that have been proposed, Holyoke and Central are the only schools in the region that have enough enrollment to be part of Division 1.

Many current Division 1 schools in the region will now move down to Division 2.

Among the Division 2 teams

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FOOTBALL



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Jordan Talbot escapes a tackle and tries to run the ball.

Shorthanded Pioneers fall to Blue Devils



Richard Martin attempts to catch a pass.



Colby Hill attempts a rush for the Pioneers.



Austin Lagimoniere returns the ball toward the left side.

SOUTH HADLEY — Last Saturday afternoon, the Pioneers were only able to make it through a half in a 35-0 defeat against Northampton. The Blue Devils, which normally play three divisions ahead of Pathfinder, took

advantage of a Pioneers team that had just 12 players. At halftime, the coaching staff made the decision not to continue playing in order to prevent injuries from happening.



Giovanni Perniciaro attempts to navigate through the crowd of Northampton defenders.

WMA basketball program expands

WILBRAHAM – Wilbraham & Monson Academy's Boys Basketball program is excited to announce an expansion of its New England Championship-winning Boys Basketball program - with a newly created and named Varsity basketball team. The Varsity team will begin the 2021-2022 season as a Class C Associate member of the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council.

Wilbraham & Monson's current varsity team will be rebranded as a Prep level team when it opens defense of its New England Class AA championship. The Titans won the program's fifth New England Championship, and first in 34

years, in March 2020.

The varsity team will be run under the direction of Prep Head Coach Mike Mannix and will be coached by newly hired Chris Iversen.

Iversen's basketball background includes extensive experience at numerous administrative levels in the Premier Basketball League, an American professional men's basketball minor league. He helped lead the Rochester (N.Y.) RazorSharks to seven league championships and was twice named as the league's Coach of the Year. Iversen joins WMA after holding a position as an assistant coach and co-director of player development

at the United States Basketball Academy in Eugene, Oregon.

WMA's announcement follows its recent decision to reinstate ice hockey to the school. The program will start as a club-level team for boys and girls for the 2021-2022 winter season. The Academy is finishing a full year of full-time, on-campus classes with socially distanced classrooms and dining halls. Students and the entire WMA community are COVID-19 tested twice a week.

To learn more about WMA's boys varsity basketball program or any of the other Academy's offerings, visit www.wma.us/varsity or www.wma.us.

Ware youth softball signups ongoing

WARE – The Ware Youth Girls Softball League is seeking players for the 3rd and 4th grade team, the 5th and 6th grade team and the 7th to 9th grade team. This is a travel league that teaches the girls how to play while having fun. Please find registration forms at the schools or contact Heather at 413-244-9796 by April 9.

Valley Wheel Baseball seeks new players

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is looking for new players for the 2021 season, which is set to begin at the end of April. Players who are 28-years-old prior to June 1 are eligible to play in the league this season, however, only those 30 by June 1 are eligible to pitch. The league includes six teams and there is a 15-game season that begins on Sunday, April 25. Games are 12 Sundays, a special Mother's Day weekend Saturday game, and two weekday night games under the lights. The season ends the final week of July with the playoffs for the top four teams during the first two weeks of August. Tryouts are set for the first three weekends in April. Tryouts will be Saturday, April 3, Sunday, April 11, and Sunday, April 18, all weather-permitting. A draft for new players will be held after the final tryout. All players bat and every player spends at least four innings in the field. The league will be playing with some minor modifications due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, please contact League Commissioner Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net.

Sign up for Quabbin Valley Baseball

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Baseball League is an age 28-and-over league which plays its games Sundays at 10 a.m. beginning in late April and concluding in late August. It is a six-team league and a 15-game schedule with all teams getting at least one playoff game at the end of August.

The league is seeking new players to join in the fun. The cost to play in 2021 is \$192.50 and registration can be found at www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org. Games are mostly being played this year in Easthampton and South Hadley. Players who wish to pitch in the league must be 30-years-old.

Sign-ups are active and players

who are not already on a team will be placed in a draft, currently scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 11.

The league's first games are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 25. For the 2021 season, there is a mask-wearing rule, as well as modifications that prohibit any type of spitting or close contact, and players are required to take out all trash they bring in with them. The league allows the use of BBCOR-certified -3 bats as well as wood bats. Games are nine innings and all players who participate get to hit and play the field. For more information or to contact someone from the league, go to the league's website.

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in soccer will be Agawam, Chicopee, Chicopee Comprehensive, Minnechaug Regional, Amherst, and Ludlow. All of these teams have been playing in Division 1 for many years, and have competed in Division 1 tournaments at the regional and state level. Ludlow was a Division 1 state champion a couple of years ago.

Belchertown will be among the teams that will be featured in Division 3. This is not a change for those teams. They have been in Division 3 in recent years, though girls soccer has been playing Division 1 to improve its

competition level. Belchertown won the boys Division 3 state championship in 2019.

South Hadley, which won a girls soccer Division 3 state title in 2019, will move to Division 4. Also included in Division 4 will be Mahar Regional.

Moving to the newly created Division 5 will be Palmer, Pathfinder, Monson, Granby, Ware, Quaboag, and North Brookfield.

In Central Mass., Tantasqua will be a part of Division 2, while Quabbin Regional will join Division 3.

The divisions the teams will

be assigned will determine what state tournament that team will have an opportunity to be a part of. With the number of divisions increasing, there will be more opportunities for teams to qualify, though there could be a lot of excessive travel in the early rounds of the tournament depending on what part of the state a team comes from.

Teams will have an opportunity to appeal their divisional placement, whether it before enrollment or competition reasons.

What has yet to be determined is what a Western Mas-

sachusetts tournament may look like. While the MIAA will not sponsor a tournament going forward, the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference wants to sponsor a tournament. It is unknown how the competition will be aligned, but it could be difficult to place the teams according to division, with situations like having just Holyoke and Central in Division 1. The PVIAC had to put planning for sectional tournaments on hold due to the pandemic.

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Shaw (Center Conway) and Trevor Bleau (Troy) live in an area typically dominated by Late Model-type cars. However, they're ready to make Modifieds the Granite State headliner for at least one day. Riverhead, NY's Eric Goodale is one of several drivers who are expected to do double-duty with the NASCAR

Whelen Modified Tour event at Virginia's Martinsville Speedway. Goodale's fellow Long Islander Artie Peterson III is also representing the Empire State.

Anthony Sesely is making the trip to Thompson from Port Monmouth, NJ. Earl Paules has an even long drive from Palmer, PA. Patrick Emerling has

the current "long haul" award, though, with a 432-mile journey each way from Orchard Park, NY to drive Ted Anderson's #1CT.

The Icebreaker 125 is the first event in the new Outlaw Open Modified Series. A quartet of \$5,000-to-win Wednesday events are scheduled for June 16, July 7, August 11, and September 15. The season concludes with the return of the Thompson 300, a \$20,000-to-win event on October 9 and 10 as part of the annual World Series of Speedway Racing.

Drivers can still register for the Icebreaker 125. Outlaw Open Modified Series entry forms and rules are available at www.acttour.com/outlaw-open-modifieds. General event information can be found at www.acttour.com/thompson-speedway.

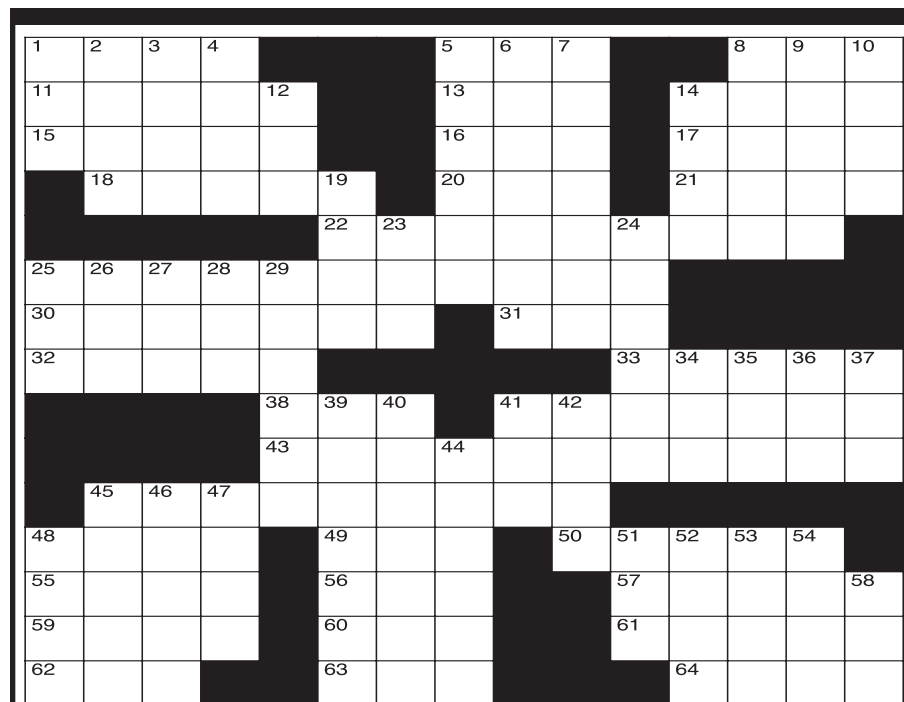
Thompson Speedway opens its 82nd season with the annual Icebreaker on Saturday, April

10 and Sunday, April 11. A total of 10 divisions will compete across two days of racing. Sunday's card features the \$10,000-to-win Icebreaker 125 for the Outlaw Open Modified Series. There's also a 40-lap ACT-type Late Model shootout plus the Limited Sportsman and SK Light Modifieds.

Saturday's six-division card is highlighted by the season-opening Thompson 75 for the PASS North Super Late Models. They're joined by the Sunoco Modifieds, NEMA LITES Midgits, EXIT Realty Pro Truck Challenge, Mini Stocks, and an 8-Cylinder Street Stock Open. An optional Test N' Tune practice day is slated for Friday, April 9 with all Icebreaker divisions welcome.

Adult general admission is \$30 for Saturday and \$35 for Sunday. Kids ages 12 and under are \$10 each day. Advance tickets are available at <https://happsnow.com/event/Thompson-Speedway-Motorsports-Park-YHPQ>. Grandstand attendance is limited to 50% of capacity per Connecticut COVID-19 guidelines. Pit passes will be sold at the track.

For general Thompson Speedway inquiries and camping reservations, call (860) 923-2280, email oval@thompson-speedway.com, or visit www.thompsonspeedway.com. You can follow Thompson Speedway on Facebook and Instagram at @ThompsonSpeedway or on Twitter at @ThompsonSpdwy.



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20. They ____
21. Muslim ruler title
22. Position given in respect of
25. Explaining further
30. Measuring instrument
31. Romanian monetary unit
32. Council of ___, 1545-
- 1563
33. Savory jelly made with meat stock
38. Journalist Tarbell
41. Most suspenseful
43. Festivity
45. Animal embryos
48. Fertility god
49. Medical patients' choice (abbr.)
50. Type of sword
55. Competition
56. Bird of the cuckoo family
57. Afflicted in mind or body
59. Engineering organization
60. Beverage receptacle
61. Spiritual leader
62. Doctor of Education
63. Where golfers begin
64. Impudence
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1. Vietnamese offensive
2. Fast mammal
3. Oh goodness!
4. The back of one's neck
5. One who lives in another's property
6. Involve deeply
7. Alfalfa
8. Tropical tree resin
9. Sudden fear
10. Jewish religious month
12. Veterans battleground
14. Musical symbol
19. German river
23. Paddle
24. Lizard
25. Shock treatment
26. The common gibbon
27. Brew
28. Usually has a lid
29. Lenses in optical instruments
34. Time zone in
- Samoa (abbr.)
35. Wrinkled dog: Shar ____
36. Denotes equal
37. TV network for children
39. Take the value away from
40. Female graduates
41. Don't know when yet
42. "____tú": Spanish song
44. "Seinfeld" character
45. Bleated
46. Entwined
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58. Speak ill of

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Athlete of the Week

Austin Lagimoniere

Pathfinder Regional

With a thin roster, Lagimoniere competed on both sides of the ball in a gritty effort for Pathfinder against Northampton.

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MONSON ■ from page 7

junior, this is his final season as a member of the Monson boys' varsity basketball team. He'll be attending Phillips Andover Academy in September and will be reclassifying to the class of 2023.

"Phillips Andover has a very good basketball team," Duggan said. "I'm really looking forward to going to school there next year."

The Mustangs only had seven players available for the home opener. Three of their players, including two starters, were at home in quarantine due to contact tracing.

"I'm proud of the seven players who played in tonight's game because they fought hard," said Monson interim head coach Dennis Vacon. "Colby has been our leading scorer in the first two games of the season."

Vacon, who played basketball at Monson High School ten years ago, took over the coaching reins from Joe Trivisonno, who has coached the Monson varsity team for the past six years. Trivisonno decided to take this season off from coaching due to personal reasons.

"Dennis was the obvious choice when I decided to take the year off," said Trivisonno, who was at the home opener. "He is an excellent young coach with a very bright future. I am looking forward to watching him begin to put his imprint on the program during the upcoming season."

Monson junior Noah Martinson (2 points) made his first varsity start in the home opener, while freshman Colin Beaupre, who also scored two points, made his first start of the season.

The Orioles, who only scored two points during the first eight minutes of the season opener, built a 12-2 lead with 3:40 left in the opening quarter of last Thursday's contest. Lanoue scored ten of those points on lay-ups and jumpers. Junior Joe Bianco had the only other field goal for Belchertown during that stretch, which were his only points of the game.

A little more than a minute later, Duggan, who kept the Mustangs within striking distances in the first half by scoring 19 points, buried a 3-pointer from the top of the key closing the gap to 13-9.

"Colby is our go-to player and our opponents will be keying on him," Vacon said. "We'll need the other guys to step up offensively."

Belchertown answered right back with a Lanoue foul-line jumper and a 3-pointer from the left side.

Monson, who were trailing, 18-11, at the end of the first quarter, sliced the deficit to four points (18-14) again a minute into the second stanza.

Belchertown kept the lead until Monson senior Michael Lagacy (3 points) buried a 3-pointer from the left side giving his team a 24-23 advantage with 3:15 remaining in the first half.

The Orioles quickly retook the lead following back-to-back 3-pointers by sophomore's Tyler McDonald (15 points) and Henry Audette (8 points).

McDonald, who's a first-year member of the varsity team, made a total of five 3-pointers in the game. He also



Danny Fiester is in mid-air with a layup attempt.



Colby Duggan concentrates on his shot.

made a pair of trey's in the season opener.

"Tyler's five 3-pointers in tonight's game were huge for us," Stenius said. "He's a phenomenal shooter."

The Mustangs, who trailed 31-28 at halftime, tied the score for the first time when senior Connor Santos buried a 3-pointer from the left corner five seconds into the second half.

Following a 3-pointer by Belchertown junior Nate Sajdak (3 points), an inside hoop by Santos and a lay-up by senior Dan Fiester (13 points) gave the home team a 35-34 lead with 6:10 left in the quarter.

The Orioles outscored the Mustangs 11-5 the rest of the third quarter and entered the final eight minutes holding a 45-40 lead. Lanoue scored six of those points and McDonald added a 3-pointer.

With 2:55 remaining in regulation, McDonald knocked home his final 3-pointer of the game from the left corner giving the Orioles their largest lead of the ballgame at 57-43.

The Mustangs did battle back with an 11-5. They got as close as five points (58-53) following a Fiester bucket. He scored 11 of his points after halftime.

Lanoue sealed the deal by making a pair of free throws, which ended the Orioles eight year losing streak against the Mustangs.

The third meeting of the season between the two teams is scheduled to take place at Belchertown High School on April 20.

DEATH NOTICES

John William Bromage, Jr., 67
Died: March 22, 2021
Services: Private

Marek Stasiowski, 56
Died: March 2, 2021
Services: Private

Alice May Nothe (Ross), 94
Died: March 25, 2021
Funeral Service: 11:30 a.m. May 11 at Lombard Funeral Home, Monson

Artur D. Tavares
Died: March 27, 2021
Funeral Service: 10 a.m. April 1 at Lombard Funeral Home, Monson

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O B I T U A R I E S

John William “Bill” Bromage Jr., 67

John William “Bill” Bromage Jr., 67, passed away March 22, 2021 at home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on March 9, 1954, in Ludlow to John W. Sr. and Agnes (Martin) Bromage. Bill was raised in Chicago, Springfield, Mass. and Wilbraham. Bill received his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University. However, his true strengths were his creativity and his ability to turn his creative passions into thriving businesses. His first endeavor was Bromage Associates, a marketing and advertising agency in Palmer and then founded CandleBerries, LLC in Palmer, a retail store that made hand-poured scented candles. He later founded Paint the Town, Inc. which was a family business that became a nationwide distributor of his own home decor designs.

He was a lifelong artist who loved to work in all different mediums including metals, glass, natural materials, pen and ink, and oils. His art often reflected the beauty he saw in nature and many of his later works depicted some of his favorite places, including Drakes Island in Maine where he loved to spend his time with friends and family. He left many masterpieces for his family members to enjoy.

Bill was a much loved husband, father and friend. He will be deeply missed by his wife and lifelong partner, Elizabeth (Moriarty) Bromage. He will also be deeply missed by his children, Joshua (Abby Forcier) of Easthampton, Nathan (Julie) of Winooski, VT and Martha (Sam) Cobb of Bondsville. He was a loving Pops to his grandchildren: Scarlett, Jameson and Eloise Cobb and Baby Girl Bromage who is expected in June. He is also survived by his loving sisters, Sandra Brennan of Ludlow, and Susan (Bill) Nolan of Wilbraham as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

During their 45 years together, Bill and Liz made so many wonderful friends, old and new. He loved to gather his friends and family around him and was always planning the next get together. His family is grateful and appreciative of these friendships, and all the love and support received during Bill's illness.

Bill lived deliberately. He stayed steadfast to his convictions of honesty, integrity and putting others before himself. He always chose the path that he thought was best for himself and



his family. This led to his success in business and his always being surrounded by friends and family with whom he enjoyed many happy and loving memories.

Bill loved nothing better than a round of golf with his friends. He made his hole-in-one at Cold Spring Country Club where he was a member for many years.

Bill was a big man, with a big personality, big smile and an even bigger heart. His sense of humor and wit and the laughter he brought to all will be missed greatly. Bill was a longtime member of the Orchard Covenant Church in Springfield. He was instrumental in the transition of the Church to the Covenant affiliation and served many years in leadership roles.

Donations may be made in his name to the church: Orchard Covenant Church, 95 Berkshire Street, Indian Orchard, MA 01151.

Due to the pandemic, all services are private and Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. For more information, visit beersandstory.com.

Alice May (Ross) Nothe, 94

MONSON — Alice May (Ross) Nothe, 94, of Stafford Road in Monson, passed away March 25, 2021, at Life Care of Wilbraham after a brief illness.

Alice was born June 21, 1926, to Albert and Doris (Williams) Ross. She retired from Monson Developmental Center in 1984. She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Gilbert C. Nothe, in 1995 and their son Albert W. Nothe in 2020, as well as her three brothers: Raymond, Carl, and Robert. She leaves to cherish her memory three sons, Charles and wife Jeanne of West Melbourne, Fla., James and wife Lucinda of Deerfield Beach, Fla., and Kenneth of Palmer; granddaughters

and their partners Karen Nothe-Valley and Keith and Lisa Murray and Tom Murray; Tammy Nothe-Hebert and Alan Hebert; Sheila Nothe-Sterner and Jeff Sterner; Jessica LaValle and Robert Winn; 17 great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Alice lived independently and joyfully in the same house for her entire adult life and will long be remembered for her enthusiastic celebration of holidays, colorful jewelry for every occasion, riding her scooter around Summerfest all decked out in red, white, and blue,



meeting up with friends at the Monson Senior Center, Dunkin Donuts, and the Mug & Muffin, and of course, her zeal for the Massachusetts Lottery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Lombard Funeral Home in Monson. Visiting hours will be held 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, followed by a funeral home service at 11:30 a.m. in Lombard Funeral Home, 3 Bridge St., Monson. Burial will follow in Oak Knoll Cemetery, Thorndike Street, Palmer.

Visit lombardfuneralhome.com for more details.

Marek Stasiowski, 56

PALMER — Marek Stasiowski, 56, passed away unexpectedly on March 23, 2021.

He was born on June 29, 1964, in Rzeszow, Poland, to Antoni and Alfreda (Swistak) Stasiowski. Marek was previously employed at Stanley Black & Decker for many years. He loved sports and the outdoors, enjoying hiking, fishing, and taking long walks in nature. His family was most im-

portant to him and he will be forever remembered as a No. 1 father.

Marek was hard-working, selfless and always displayed a sturdy moral code. He raised his family on good family values and showed his children how to live courageously and virtuously. He will be forever missed



by his loving wife, Beata (Strzelecka) Stasiowska, and their children, Marcin, Kamil, and Sebastian.

Marek's services are being held privately and at the discretion of his family. For more information or to extend online condolences, visit beersandstory.com.

possessing an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Aidan J. Baceski, 19, of 25 Fuller St., Belchertown, was arrested at 10:43 p.m., on charges of alleged person under 21 possessing liquor and procuring alcohol by false representation.

Saturday, March 27
Christopher Ricardo Santiago, 28 of 30 Edendale St., Apt. 2FL, Springfield, was arrested at 9:09 p.m., on charges of alleged possession to distribute a Class B drug and trafficking in 18 to 36 grams of cocaine.

O B I T U A R I E S

Artur D. Tavares, 1935-2021

BELCHERTOWN — “I hope we all here together this time next year.”

That was how he always made his toasts. Sometimes, the routine was groan-worthy in the predictability.

In all his callous-causing hard work, and all the kooky inventions created out of plywood, screws, and bungee cords, the all-nighters filled with food, wine, music, and songs, (one of them published and recorded), the achingly tender poems, the gargantuan tomatoes, collards, and pole beans, the kegs of homemade wine, and in the dozens of choiriças smoked... of all those things for which he could claim bragging rights, Artur's family was the reason behind everything.

He borrowed money, and pulled up stakes from his small village in Portugal where he had to covertly woo his sweetheart, Madalena, because neither his family nor hers would allow them to court openly. Being of a higher social caste, it was unseemly to “marry down”. He taught her how to read and write so they could hide their love letters behind a loose stone in his father's outdoor bread oven. They fought to be married against everyone's blessings, so they married on her 21st birthday. That way no one could stop them. They worked hard, and brought two of their three daughters into the world of the Villa de Azere.

Political situations being what they were at the time, they decided that as much as it would be difficult to leave their country and entire family behind and immigrate to “America”, they did it to ensure 7-year-old Isaurita and 1-year-old Alicita had a chance at a better life. Madalena sold her long, luxurious hair to a wig maker so they would have enough money to buy four Swiss-Air plane tickets. They knew nothing of the culture, language, or the expectations of this place. They worked factory and construction jobs, all along the way, making lifelong friends of those who earned their trust, helped them learn the ropes, and shared their in generosity. They learned and they taught.

They bought and paid for homes, weddings, tuitions, welcomed in-laws, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. They both suffered – and survived –

cancer, heart attacks, strokes, arthritis, diabetes, and the heart-break of burying some of the people they loved the most. They had a working farm where they had chickens, rabbits, sheep, honeybees, and that damned woodchuck!

They grew vegetables and So. Many. Flowers!

Artur and Madalena did everything – EVERY thing – together.

Artur and his brother-in-law Rui had dreams about things that they wanted and they worked hard to make those dreams come to fruition. They started a special Portuguese cultural dance troupe “O Rancho Folclórico” and they started the Portuguese school in Ludlow in the courtroom of the Grémio Lusitano club that has grown into the splendid building it is today. My dad loved “his country” and “this country,” but more than anything in the world, he loved his Madalena and their children. When he lost the light of his eyes on March 23, 2020, it was almost unbearable. He gave life without her his best shot, but it seemed the one thing they could not survive together was COVID. One year and four days after COVID took Madalena, his weakened heart couldn't handle the strain of recovery and the lonesomeness of widowhood, so he followed her back to Azere.

He died seeing images of flowers, stars, little birds, and candles. He pretty much watched all three of his daughters take their first breaths, and they were all there, holding his hands and stroking his head as he took his last.

In addition to his true love, his parents, Carma “da serra” and Alfredo Tavares, his brothers Antonio and Lionel Tavares, and his best friend, brother-in-law, and partner in crime, Rui Tavares, were all waiting for him to join them for deep hugs and kisses, and “uma rica pinga” back in their beloved ‘terra’. He leaves behind his daughter Hazel Tavares with whom he would battle but in who he was endlessly proud of how she could read the newspaper at seven years old and who became an accomplished gentle woman farmer along with her husband John Kunhardt; Hazel's children



Peter Charron, his wife Carli and Carli's son Luca; Angela Espeseth and her husband John Espeseth; his equally nutty, musically inclined, and artistic daughter, Alice Genereux (aka Sita), her husband John, their daughter

Emily Lamb, her husband Rich, and their “meninos” Avery and Zackary; and his daughter “she a TEECHAH! (teacher)” Mabel Madsen, her husband Jeffrey, and their amazing daughters Elise and Julia. His sister Mabel Santos, and his eldest brother Alfredo Tavares, Jr. will mourn the loss of their “Arturito.” He also leaves behind dozens of nieces and nephews, and more friends than anyone could count. You were their friend, whether you knew it yet or not.

Remember Art by buying a world map, taking time to listen to the Portuguese music he loved, sharing good food, a good long drink of wine in front of a fire, enjoying your friends and family, and working hard, keeping in mind that “When you have to work, work hard. But remember...there will ALWAYS be time to work.” In lieu of flowers, he would love contributions in his and Madalena's memory to TJ O'Connor for the “poor abandoned animals.” He would be honored to have all those who knew him and loved him to greet his family from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, at Lombard Funeral Home 3 Bridge St. Monson, to share stories and laughs and maybe some tears (but mostly laughs). The “walk thru” visitation at the funeral home will be held with limited occupancy in the building. Face coverings are asked to be worn and social distancing is encouraged. He would be honored to have you join him in his burial, too, ironically so “we can all be together the same time” on the one-year anniversary of Madalena's burial. The funeral service for Artur will be 10 a.m. Thursday, April 1, at Lombard Funeral Home with a funeral procession to Saint Aloysius Cemetery in Indian Orchard. Family and friends will be invited to really celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary sometime in July. For information/online condolences visit lombardfuneralhome.com.

Police/Fire

Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to a total of eight calls March 24-30:

On Wednesday, March 24 at 4:24 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on Old Warren Road. The department returned to service at 5:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 24 at 7:53 p.m., the department responded to a call requesting an odor investigation on Walnut Street. The department returned to service at 8:14 p.m.

On Saturday, March 27 at 10:17 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 10:57 p.m.

On Saturday, March 27 at 10:49 a.m., the department provided station coverage to the Wilbraham Fire Department on Boston Road in Wilbraham. The department returned to service at 12:19 p.m.

On Saturday, March 27 at 2:05 p.m., the department executed a water rescue on Park Street. The department returned to service at 2:35 p.m.

On Saturday, March 27 at 8:06 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning Summer Street. The department returned to service at 8:40 p.m.

On Monday, March 29 at 8:45 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Highland Street. The department returned to service at 9:10 a.m.

On Tuesday, March 30 at 2:31 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Central Street. The department returned to service at 2:55 a.m.

THREE RIVERS

The Tree Rivers Fire Department responded to a total of five calls March 23-30:

On Tuesday, March 23 at 12:22 p.m., the department provided mutual aid to the Belchertown Fire Department for a fire in a trash truck on Barrett Street. The department returned to service at 1:04 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 23 at 1:23 p.m., the department responded to a call, requesting an investigation of a overheated battery charger Sykes Street. The department returned to service at 1:41 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 24 at 2:28 p.m., the department responded to the report of a chemical odor in the area of Springfield Street. The department returned to service at 2:44 p.m.

On Saturday, March 27 at 2:05 p.m., the department provided mutual aid to the Brimfield Fire Department for a water rescue on Dunhamtown Road. The department returned to service at 2:25 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 30 at 10:07 a.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Baptist Hill Road. The department returned to service at 10:40 a.m.

BONDVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to a total of three calls March 23-29:

On Tuesday, March 23 at 11:47 a.m., the department provided station coverage to the Ware Fire Department. The department returned to service at 1:40 p.m.

On Saturday, March 27 at 2:05 p.m., the department responded to an automatic mutual aid for a water rescue in Park Street in Palmer. The department returned to service at 2:31 p.m.

On Monday, March 29 at 4:47 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on Second Street. The department returned to service at 5:15 p.m.

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to 19 EMS calls and six fire calls from March 22-28:

On Saturday, March 27 at 12:12 p.m., the department responded to a brush fire on Stafford Hollow Road. The department returned to service at 1:28 p.m.

On Saturday, March 27 at 2:12 p.m., the department responded to a water rescue on Dunhamtown Road in Brimfield. The department returned to service at 2:23 p.m.

On Sunday, March 28 at 5:55 p.m., the department provided mutual aid on Palmer Road. The department returned to service at 6:01 p.m.

On Saturday, March 28 at 6:32 p.m., the department provided mutual aid on Palmer Road. The department returned to service at 7:19 p.m.

Police Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Police Department responded to 383 calls and three arrests or summons for arrests from March 23-29. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

MONSON

The Monson Police Department responded to seven arrests or summons for arrests from March 21-27. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:

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Under the requirements of M.G.L. Ch. 131,s.40, the Wales Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday April 15, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. REMOTELY:** go to conservation@town-of-wales.net. Under consideration is a Notice of Intent for Tim Hannon & Laurie Johnson to construct a new home at 148 Union St. 04/01/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD21P0178GD
In the interests of Aubrie Rose Aldrich of Palmer, MA Minor

NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **01/29/2021** by

Jerrid J Aldrich of Palmer, MA

Paige-Lynn M Carter of Palmer, MA

will be held **04/23/2021 11 :00 AM Motion.** Located: www.zoomgov.com, Meeting ID 1617627310, Dial in 646-828-7666, Judge Sandman

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor

over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: March 23, 2021
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
04/01/2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Eric Curboy and Kathryn Angers to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Savers Co-Operative Bank dated April 21, 2006, recorded at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15839, Page 315;** said mortgage was then assigned to Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency by virtue of an assignment dated **December 7, 2010,** and recorded in Book 18625, Page 144; of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at **01:00 PM on April 22, 2021,** on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of **196 Wales Road, Brimfield, MA 01010.** The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

The land with the buildings thereon located in Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows: A certain parcel of land on the westerly side of the road leading from Brimfield to Wales known as Route 19 bounded to wit: BEGINNING on the westerly side of said highway at a point 30 feet southerly of the southerly line of a culvert crossing said highway, which point is the northeasterly corner of the land to be conveyed and running: THENCE westerly along land formerly of Arthur E. Vaughn 285 feet, more or less, to the center of a big rock; THENCE turning and running southerly in a line at right angle to the line just previously described for a distance of 125 feet; THENCE turning and running easterly along land now or formerly of said Vaughn 285 feet, more or less, to the westerly line of said highway #19; THENCE northerly along the westerly line of said highway #19, 125 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to takings for highway purposes made by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in connection with the reconstruction of Route #19. BEING the same premises conveyed to

us by deed of Lasalle Bank, NA dated April 18, 2006 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds immediately prior to this in Book 15839, Page 313.

Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale-date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The premises is to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, leases, tenancies, and rights of possession, building and zoning laws, encumbrances, condominium liens, if any and all other claim in the nature of liens, if any there be.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein. If the second highest bidder declines to purchase the within described property,

the Mortgagee reserves the right to purchase the within described property at the amount bid by the second highest bidder. The foreclosure deed and the consideration paid by the successful bidder shall be held in escrow by DG&L, (hereinafter called the "Escrow Agent") until the deed shall be released from escrow to the successful bidder at the same time as the consideration is released to the Mortgagee, whereupon all obligations of the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to have been properly fulfilled and the Escrow Agent shall be discharged. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Dated: March 4, 2021
Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency

By its Attorney
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

Docket No. HD21P0560EA Estate of: Keith A Corsi Also known as: Keith Alan Corsi

Date of Death: 12/09/2020 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **Aaron J Corsi** of Webster, TX requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Aaron J Corsi** of Webster, TX be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/22/2021.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding.

If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 25, 2021

Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
04/01/2021

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Dream Junction, LLC to Freedom Credit Union dated December 1, 2014 and registered with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds Land Registration Office as Document Number 201.687 filed with Certificate of Title Number 35207, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 a.m. on the 28th day of April, 2021,** on the mortgaged premises believed to be known as 1440-1446 North Main Street, Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, and sometimes referred to as 1440-1446 Main Street, Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

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The land in Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts:

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Southwesterly one hundred thirty-four and 74/100 (134.72) feet, and;

Northwesterly forty-five and 27/100 (.45.27) feet by Land now or formerly of Ware River Railroad Company; and

Northeasterly sixty-six and 56/100 (66.56) feet, and Northwesterly one hundred thirty-four and 68/100 (134.68) feet by land now or formerly of Charles Warka Jr., et. al.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Court to be located as shown on a plan drawn by Arthur E. Sullivan, Engineer, dated August 1, 1949, as modified and approved by the Court, filed in Land Registration Office, a copy of which is filled with Certificate of Title No. 5751.

BEING the same premises conveyed to mortgagor herein by Deed cert # 35207."

The premises will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. It shall be the purchaser's sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal regulations.

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The sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the attorney for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in

the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, will be announced at the sale.

Freedom Credit Union, Present Holder of said Mortgage

By: **/s/ Jonathan C. Sapirstein**

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Date: March 11, 2021
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03/25, 04/01/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD15P1669PM

In the matter of: Timothy J Patenaude of Monson, MA Protected Person/ Disabled Person / Respondent CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **fifth** account(s) of Karen Patenaude of Monson and James Patenaude of Monson, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent

has or have been presented to the Court for allowance..

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **04/23/2021.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 18, 2021

Rosemary A Saccomani
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Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

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found examples such as the numbers of windows or columns on a building or the number of trees on the common. When we were talking about physical and chemical changes, we went into the Village to find examples such as the chemical weathering (chemical change) on gravestones or the crumbling of leaves (physical change).

I also love the support from other teachers and administration. It's been a challenging year for teaching but there is always a colleague to turn to if there is a need to vent or just looking for help or advice. We have a philosophy at school, "We are Crew" and that has been more true this year than ever before.

Q: Tell us what it's been like to teach during the pandemic (best and worst moments).

A: It's been both rewarding and draining to work during the pandemic – rewarding because I am doing things I did not know I could do! Draining, because I'm ensuring that both the remote students and in person students have the best learning experience possible and ensuring they have access to the collaboration and project based learning that our in person learners are experiencing.

The school is big on its core commitments and habits of character and that has not changed. The way of the Ox is going strong and has kept everyone grounded during these unprecedented times.

I have taken advantage of the One Room School House which is a collaboration between OSA and OSV in which museum educators help with remote learning of the children of OSA and OSV staff. This has

been a HUGE advantage of working at OSA because I drop my own children off, they complete their school work and daily schedule, and then working on projects and get an OSV experience that they would not at their home school.

OSA does have longer hours which means that my own children have gotten to take walks in the Village and work on hands-on projects. I will miss One Room School House next year when things are somewhat, fingers crossed, back to normal compared to this year. The One Room School House has helped with the unknowns from day one and has been another awesome benefit and experience of working at OSA.

My kids have also made friendships that they wouldn't have made at their own school. My oldest son is going to stay remote for the remainder of the year at one room because of the strong connection he has with his teachers at his home school, the teachers at one room, and the friends he has made. It's been such a positive experience and a positive that came out of the pandemic.

Q: How has Old Sturbridge Academy successfully had students in-person during the pandemic?

A: We have a campus-style school in which there are four micro-campuses, which has helped with keeping students and staff separated and distanced. The main building has two wings and the fifth grade has its own building as well as the sixth grade, it's very unique in that sense. So while the sixth grade had to shut down three times this year, the rest of the school was able to stay open because of contact tracing and the lack of students crossing paths throughout the day.

Q: What is your hope for the future of teaching at OSA?

A: I love teaching science because it is hands-on and students are encouraged to take ownership of their own learning. Hands-on and project-based learning this year was somewhat hindered because of the pandemic and the need for social distancing. What I'm looking forward to next year is more intense collaboration, doing labs, and really getting down into science that I wasn't able

to do this year because of the pandemic. I'm not new to teaching but I am new to OSA, so not only have I had to figure out how to teach during a pandemic, but figure out what it is truly like to teach at OSA. I'm hoping to continue to grow as a teacher and take further advantage of the Village and collaboration.

Q: What is your advice to teachers preparing to bring students back to the classroom?

A: The sixth grade has gone remote three times this year and each time we come back, we have to reset class expectations and routines. All teachers know that strong connections are key and focusing on the strengths of each student to continue to focus on those and build new connections with kids who may be switching classes. Exhausting to stay the least, but important nonetheless and I see it with my own children. One of my kids, who is in first grade went from remote to in-person, switched teachers and is doing great and is doing so because of strong connections that were built.

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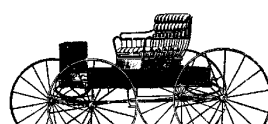
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Editor's note: Due to the coronavirus pandemic, events featured in the Journal Register, including those previewed in stories, briefs and on the calendar page, may be canceled with little notice. The Journal Register encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers for updated event times. Have an event to promote? Email the information (in a Word doc or as email text – no PDFs, please – to mharrison@turley.com.

NOW

Friends of the Monson Free Library “Round-up” at Adams will be available April 1-12. Shoppers at the Adams Market on Main Street in Monson will have the opportunity to round up for the Friends. All donations will help to fund story hours, adult and youth programs, the purchase of museum passes as well as materials for the library.

EASTER SERVICE: The First Congregational Church of Brimfield UCC invites you to join us in front of the church, 20 Main Street, Brimfield, for sunrise service 6:15 a.m. Easter morning. Masks are required. Social distancing will be observed. Please dress warmly.

HISTORY OF QUABBIN: The Palmer Public Library will be hosting an online slide presentation by NY Times Bestselling Author Michael Tougias at 6:30 p.m. April 6. The topic is “Quabbin: A History and Explorers Guide.” Tougias will start with the flooding of the lost towns then move into the construction of the Quabbin followed by his favorite places to explore there today. You can learn more, order personalized copies, and see some of the images at michaeltougias.com

SOON

FILM FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER: The Therapeutic Equestrian Center in Holyoke is hosting a virtual fundraising event featuring the 2021 Winnie Film Festival Tour. This film fest will feature exclusive world premier short documentary films that celebrate the healing powers

of the horse. Enjoy two hours of inspiring and heartwarming films anytime from 5 p.m. on Friday, April 9, until 10 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Registration fee is \$25, which helps support the not-for-profit TEC. You'll be provided a link to stream to any smart devise such as phones, tablets, and TVs. Binge in one sitting or stretch the viewing out over the entire weekend – the choice is yours! To register, go to tecriders.org.

SECOND TIME'S A CHARM: Non-profit Dress Shop 11 a.m.-3 p.m. April 10 in Three Rivers. All volunteer run. They take formal attire donations and consign them back out for no cost or a donation. Allows ladies and gents and even the parents too, to be dressed to impress for prom season and other events without spending hundreds of dollars. This is an amazing way to recycle and not let items sit in the closet. Maddie's Dogs Hot Dog Cart will be on site serving purchased lunches!

EARTH DAY RIVER SWEEP: Volunteers needed for a river clean-up 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 17, at Laviolette Field in Three Rivers – rain or shine. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers will be required to adhere to all COVID-19 safety guidelines and social distancing protocols during the event. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Fortune at 413-626-7084 or sfortune@townofpalmer.com.

From the Palmer Library

2020 Tax Forms are now available through the Palmer Public Library Curbside Pickup. To schedule a time to pick up forms, please visit palmerlibrary.org/taxforms or call us at 413-283-3330 (press 0 then dial ext. 100).

ONGOING

EVERYONE INVITED TO AQUACISE: The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club at 91 Claudia's Way, Ludlow, offer Aquacise for residents of Monson, Palmer, Brimfield, Holland and Wales.

Aquacise will be offered 8-8:45 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Aquacise is a low-impact, full-body work-

out performed in the water to put less stress on your joints and muscles while building strength. To reserve a spot visit ludlowbgc.org and click on Adult Programs, or call Matt Thompson at 413-583-2072, ext. 122. For updates on the facility, register on the website to receive Club emails. The Club continues to make health and safety its No. 1 priority to ensure all visitors who enter the building have a clean and safe environment.

MUSIC LESSONS, YOGA AND MORE: Just because days are short, and the thermometer reads cold doesn't mean there's nothing to do. Hitchcock Academy constantly works with instructors to offer options to its community members. Look for upcoming classes in yoga, tai chi, meditation, and fencing. Hitchcock Academy follows all current COVID guidelines for cleaning and social distancing and anyone using the facility must wear a mask.

All information regarding current class offerings, events, and registration are available at hitchcockacademy.org.

FREE FOOD PROGRAM: The Massachusetts Military Support Foundation has found a way to get food to families that need it. The Farmers to Families program, set up by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is part of a Coronavirus Food Assistance Program that help people all over the nation and has a site in Springfield open to all residents. The program will supply food kits with fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products and meat products that distributes package into family-sized boxes. You can register for your food kit at mmsfi.org. On the website choose “Springfield, Ma” as your pick up site and sign-up. Register for one week or all four with easy one time registration. Food kit includes fresh dairy, protein, and produce totaling 30+ pounds of food. Military families are encouraged to sign-up but registration is open to the public.

BOOKSTORE at the Unitarian Universalist Parish of Monson at the corner of Lincoln and Main streets in Mon-

son is open the first Friday of every month from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Books priced from 25 cents to \$1 each: fiction, non-fiction, thrillers, horror, mystery, science fiction, how-to, classic literature, children's books, romances, cookbooks, gardening books and more. All proceeds benefit the parish. Donations are accepted. Call Mary at 267-9952 for more information. While currently closed, we are anticipating reopening later this year.

LEARN ABOUT LOCAL HISTORY: Want to learn more about local history? The Elbow Plantation Historical Society is available for research and other information. They can be reached at elbow.plantation@gmail.com. Send them your questions and comments and leave your preferred contact information and they will respond asap.

THE MONSON LIONS CLUB has a 20-foot x 20-foot tent for rent. The cost is \$75 for a two-day event. The club will put it up and take it down. For more details, contact Curt at 413-668-6653.

DAY SPRING LODGE A.F. & A.M. located 14 Bliss St., Monson is making its hall available for rent for \$75 for a variety of parties and functions. For reservations,, call Doug Battige at 413-267-5855 or 413-265-9398.

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SALVATION ARMY ASSISTANCE: Residents of Palmer, Thorndike, Bondsville and Three Rivers seeking emergency help with fuel assistance, utility payments/shut off, food, and clothing can contact the Salvation Army in Canton, MA at 339-502-5900. This is the office located in Canton, MA. If eligible, staff there will be able to address your concerns and provide assistance until the local Palmer office is once again staffed by a volunteer outreach coordinator.

MAKE A DONATION to the Monson Free Library in honor of a special person or family member, in the form of a book, DVD or CD, audio book or magazine subscription. The person will receive a letter informing them of your gift. The cost of donations is \$25 for a book, \$20 for a CD or DVD, \$100 for an audio book and \$20 for a magazine subscription. For more information call 267-3866.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP Please join us at 6 p.m. every first Thursday of the month at Palmer Healthcare Center, 250 Shearer St. Palmer. Light refreshments will be served Contact Kate Martin at 413-283-8361 for more information.

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MONSON DEMOCRATS WANTED by the Monson Democratic Town Committee. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month over Zoom. Contact Chair Karen Nothe-Valley at 413-846-3041 or karen_monson-dems@yahoo.com.

WEEKLY CLASSES at Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road, Holland. Mondays and Wednesdays lunch is served at noon, reservations required by calling 413-245-3163 and a \$2 donation is requested. Mondays at 10 a.m. is yoga class with Mah Jongg, and Monday evenings at 6 p.m. is Texas Hold 'Em. Tuesdays at 10 a.m. is the Coffee Social which is open to everyone, and Open Crafts are held on Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Zumba is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Mah Jongg is at 1 p.m. and Yoga is at 5 p.m., plus Pitch at 6:30 p.m. Stained glass is every Thursday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. and Cribbage is weekly on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. Walking Club is on Thursdays at 4 p.m. The Billiard Room is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. For everyone. For more information, call 413-245-3163.

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